

Blessing for a new song book, *Sing the Story*

Leader Praise the Lord!

People Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful,
for God is gracious,
and a song of praise is fitting.

Leader Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;
ALL *let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise.*
(from the Psalms)

Leader Today we give thanks for new songs,
for fresh words that inspire our faith,
for glorious sounds that draw us into God's presence.

People We give thanks for creative writers of songs and prayers,
for compilers of song books,
and for publishers who print them.

Leader We especially give thanks for our new song book,
Sing the Story,
and the amazing story of Jesus it proclaims.

People May the story of Jesus reveal God's love to us
and make our hearts sing of the One who brings good news,
the One who calls us to follow in ways of wisdom and peace.

ALL *Bless this book, O God;
may it strengthen our praise
and make us bold to tell your story,
the good news that will heal our world. AMEN.*

