Service of Dedication for New Hymnbooks

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;

at the works of your hands I sing for joy. *Psalm 92:1-4*

Gather up the old hymn books

Litany of Praise:
These books have assisted us in worship.
With them we have sung songs of praise,
proclaimed our faith in the creeds,
echoed the voice of the Psalmist.
We have sung and read in joy and sorrow,
with thanksgiving in our hearts and in times of trial.

We give God thanks and praise.

Over the years they have guided us through
the stories of the people of Israel,
the birth, life, death, resurrection of Jesus,
the life of the early church,
the cycles of the church year,
the sacraments of baptism and communion.

We give God thanks and praise.

We remember those in whose names
these books have been memorialized.

We give God thanks and praise.

Move to location of new Books of Praise (and Psalms)
Words of Dedication:
In the name of the Triune God,
we dedicate these Books of Praise and Books of Psalms
that in this place they may strengthen
the devotion of the people of God
and give glory to God's name.

Prayer of Dedication:
Creator God: you have created all that is,
the world and all that is in it,

we praise you, Creator.

You have given us a story that begins with creation
and reaches to us in the present,
we remember that story with thanks.

You have come to us in Christ Jesus, your Son,
and continue to be with us through your Holy Spirit;
we bless you Triune God.

You have raised up prophets and poets,
musicians and artists;

we give thanks for their creativity.

You have created a rich diversity of people and culture;

we give thanks for varieties of expression of your praise.

By means of these books,
may our voices blend in songs of praise and psalms to you
that we may continue to grow in faithful service
to you and all people.
Through Jesus Christ,

Amen.

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