Songs of Praise
for the institution of the Rev. Chris Streeter
as Rector of the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, Penfield, NY
February 7th, 2015

James Montgomery (1771-1854)

1. Songs of praise the angels sang, heav’n with alleluias rang,
   when creation was begun, when God spoke and
   songs of praise arose when he captive led cap-

2. Songs of praise awoke the morn when the Prince of Peace was born;
   God will make new heav’ns and earth; songs of praise shall
   No; the Church delights to raise psalms and hymns and
   learning here, by faith and love songs of praise to

3. Heav’n and earth must pass away; songs of praise shall crown that day;
   when creation was begun, when God spoke and
   songs of praise arose when he captive led cap-

4. And shall Chris-tians fail to sing till on earth Christ come as King?
   when creation was begun, when God spoke and
   songs of praise arose when he captive led cap-
   God will make new heav’ns and earth; songs of praise shall
   No; the Church delights to raise psalms and hymns and
   learning here, by faith and love songs of praise to

5. Saints below, with heart and voice, still in songs of praise rejoice,
   when creation was begun, when God spoke and
   songs of praise arose when he captive led cap-
   God will make new heav’ns and earth; songs of praise shall
   No; the Church delights to raise psalms and hymns and
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6. Borne upon their latest breath, songs of praise shall conquer death;
   then, amidst eternal joy, songs of praise their powers employ. Amen.