

Free us from sin and all its chains, The worst of slavery; Bind us to Christ in holy bonds, The sweetest liberty.

The Bill for the Abolition of the Slave Trade having received the Royal Assent, the people of colour, residing in and about the cities of London and Westminster, were invited to keep a day of Thanksgiving to Almighty God - and the day commonly called Good Friday was understood to be their only day of general leisure. Accordingly, on that day, March 27 1807, a Vast Congregation of them assembled at Dr. Rippon's place of Worship in Carter Lane when he delivered a sermon to them, on Psalm lxviii. 31 - Ethiopia shall stretch out her hands unto God; and also gave these verses, which were sung, as the memorable occasion required, with great animation.