Prayer of Thanksgiving

1. We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing;
2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
3. We all do exalt thee, thou leader triumphant,

He chastens, and hastens his will to make known;
Ordain ing, main taining his kingdom divine;
And pray that thou still our defender wilt be.

The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;

Sing praises to his name; He forgets not his own.
Thou, Lord, wast at our side; All glory be thine!
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

Text: Anon., The Netherlands, ca. 1626; trans. by Theodore Baker, 1851–1934
Music: Anon., The Netherlands, ca. 1625; arr. by Edward Kremser, 1838–1914
Psalm 100:4–5
Isaiah 12:1–6