THANKSGIVING

We Gather Together

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Adrianus Valerius, Nederlandisch Gedendeklanck, 1626
arr. Edward Kremser, 1877

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 ex-tol Thee, Thou Leader tri-um-phant,

He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
Or-dain-ing, main-tain-ing His king-dom di-vine;
And pray that Thou still our Defender wilt be.

The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing:
So from the begin-ning the fight we were win-ning:
Let Thy con-grega-tion escape trib-ula-tion:

Sing praises to His Name; He forgets not His own.
Thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glo-ry be Thine!
Thy Name be ev-er praised! O Lord, make us free!

anon., 1625
tr. Theodore Baker, 1917

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