

Liebster Jesu wir sind hier
Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

Catherine Winkworth / LIEBSTER JESU



1. Blessèd Jesus, at thy word
we are gathered all to hear thee;
let our hearts and minds be stirred
now to seek and love and fear thee;
by thy gospel pure and holy
teach us, Lord, to love thee solely

2. All our knowledge, sense and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till thy spirit breaks our night
with the beams of truth unclouded;
thou alone to God canst win us,
thou must work all good within us.

3. Glorious Lord, thyself impart,
light of light from God proceeding;
open thou our ears and heart,
help us by thy Spirit's leading;
hear the cry thy people raises;
hear and bless our prayers and praises.

Inspiration: "Liebster Jesu wir sind hier"; Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619-1684, in "Altdorffisches Gesang-Büchlein", 1663.
Lyrics: 78.78.88; Catherine Winkworth, 1817-1878, in her "Lyra Germanica", 1858.
Music: LIEBSTER JESU; later form of melody by Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1625-1673.