

Liebster Jesu wir sind hier
Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Catherine Winkworth / LIEBSTER JESU



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

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

3. Glorious Lord, yourself impart,
light of light from God proceeding;
open lips and ears and heart,
help us by your Spirit's leading;
hear the cry your Church now raises;
Lord, accept 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.