

*Liebster Jesu wir sind hier*  
**Blessed Jesus, at Your Word**

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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.