

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.