

Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

Winkworth / LIEBSTER JESU

1. Bless - èd Je - sus, at thy word we are ga - thered all to hear thee;
2. All our knowl - edge, sense and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness shroud - ed,
3. Glo - rious Lord, thy - self im - part, light of light from God pro - ceed - ing;

1. let our hearts and minds be stirred now to seek and love and fear thee;
2. till thy spir - it breaks our night with thy beams of truth un - cloud - ed;
3. o - pen thou our ears and heart, help us by thy Spir - it's lead - ing;

1. by thy gos - pel pure and ho - ly teach us, Lord, to love thee sole - ly.
2. thou a - lone to God canst win us, thou must work all good with - in us.
3. hear the cry thy peo - ple rais - es; hear and bless our prayers and rais - es.

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 R. Ahle, 1625-1673.