

## Congregational Singing: "The First Noel" Hymn 265 Adapted

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### VERSE 1

The first Noel the angels did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

### CHORUS

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.

### VERSE 2

The first Noel earth and heaven embraced  
As a virgin beheld her newborn babe.  
From realms on high to a manger on earth,  
Salvation had dawned in a ho-ly birth.

[sing CHORUS]

### VERSE 3

The Son of God in o-be-di-ence came  
To love the hopeless, the lost, and the lame.  
Our sins He bore, yet His name we despised,  
And the hands that brought healing were pierced as He died.

[sing CHORUS]

### VERSE 4

The Author of Life, there lifeless He lay  
As the grave cast a shadow and darkness reigned.  
Then out of death broke forth a great light  
As He rose up in vict'ry, the glorious Christ!

[sing CHORUS]

### VERSE 5

Then let us all, with one accord,  
Sing praises to our heav'n-ly Lord  
Who has made heav'n And earth of naught  
And with His blood mankind hath bought.

[sing CHORUS 2x]

## Closing Thoughts and Benediction



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Congregational Singing: "Joy Has Dawned"

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### VERSE 1

Joy has dawned upon the world, promised from creation.  
God's salvation now unfurled, hope for ev'ry nation.  
Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory,  
But a humble gift of love—Jesus born of Mary.

### VERSE 2

Sounds of wonder fill the sky with the songs of angels  
As the mighty Prince of Life shelters in a stable.  
Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in darkness,  
Cling now to a mother's breast, vuln'erable and helpless.

### VERSE 3

Shepherds bow before the Lamb, gazing at the glory;  
Gifts of men from distant lands prophesy the story.  
Gold—a King is born today, incense—God is with us,  
Myrrh—His death will make a way and by His blood He'll win us.

### VERSE 4

Son of Adam, Son of heav'n, given as a ransom;  
Reconciling God and man, Christ, our mighty champion!  
What a Savior! What a Friend! What a glorious myst'ry!  
Once a babe in Bethlehem. Now the Lord of hist'ry.

## Congregational Singing: “Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

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### VERSE 1

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone. Christ alone!  
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.  
Who holds our days within His hand?  
What comes, apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end?  
The love of Christ in which we stand.

### CHORUS

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal.  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess  
Christ, our hope in life and death.

### VERSE 2

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good. God is good!  
Where is His grace and goodness known?  
In our great Redeemer’s blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ? [sing CHORUS]

### VERSE 3

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?  
“Christ, He lives! Christ, He lives!”  
And what reward will heaven bring?  
Everlasting life with Him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord,  
Then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy  
When Christ is ours forevermore. [sing CHORUS]

### TAG

Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

*Scripture Reading* — Luke 1:26-38

Jason Fiedler

*Pastoral Prayer*

Keith Kruizenga

*Offertory – Congregational Singing: “O Come, All You Unfaithful”*

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Based upon Isaiah 1:18, 42:1-3, 55:1-3; Matt. 1:21, 11:28-30, 12:18-20; Rom. 5:8; Rev. 5:12.

### VERSE 1

O come, all you unfaithful. Come, weak and unstable,  
Come, know you are not alone.  
O come, barren and waiting ones, weary of praying.  
Come, see what your God has done.  
Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you.

### VERSE 2

O come, bitter and broken. Come with fears unspoken.  
Come, taste of His perfect love.  
O come, guilty and hiding ones – there is no need to run.  
See what your God has done.  
Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you.

### BRIDGE

He’s the Lamb who was given, slain for our pardon.  
His promise is peace for those who believe. [repeat]

### VERSE 3

So come. Though you have nothing, come! He is the offering.  
Come, see what our God has done.  
Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you.  
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*Message*

Pastor Alex Metras

### THE GOSPEL OF MARK

## ATTITUDES NEEDED IN A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST

Mark 10:13 - 22

Throughout history and in our own lives, we recognize that what is most necessary is often most difficult. There are necessary things the follower of Christ must understand and live out in their daily lives, though they are of extreme difficulty.

Jesus reveals it is necessary to have —

1. An Attitude of Total Humility— Mark 10:13-16
2. APPLICATION Do Not Despise Your Helplessness  
— Romans 5:6, Isaiah 40:11
3. An Attitude of Total Surrender — Mark 10:17-22;  
Matthew 19:20, Luke 18:18, Exodus 20:3
4. APPLICATION Take Care to Cut Your Anchors Which  
Bind You to This World — Acts 16:14-15
5. As We Celebrate Christmas — Philippians 2:7-8