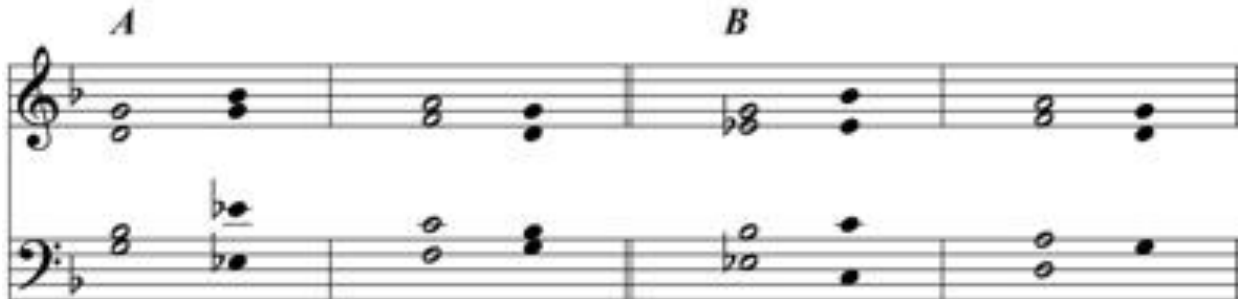


## Music Notes for December 3, 2023

Today is the fourth Sunday of St. A's extended Advent Season in Year B of the Revised Common Lectionary. Listen to the Advent service music: [Presentation Hymn](#), [Sanctus](#), and [Fraction Anthem](#).

The Simplified Anglican Chant psalm tone is below, to which the words of Psalm 80 will be sung:



Listen to the chant for Psalm 80 [here](#).

The prelude today is an organ voluntary on the opening hymn. "Lo, he comes with clouds descending," based on the tune known as "Helmsley." There is some controversy about who actually composed this majestic hymn tune. When John Wesley in 1765 paired the tune with his brother's text (which we will sing today), he attributed it to Thomas Olivers. Olivers, however, said that he "heard the melody on the street somewhere." The tune is similar to a melody by violinist and composer Thomas Arne, but scholars today think that the tune was most likely composed by Martin Madan, who was a chaplain at Lock Hospital and in 1763 published a set of hymns sung there.

Today's anthem, "Come quickly, Lord Jesus," incorporates a text by the composer, Mark Schweizer, based on the "O Antiphons" which are traditionally sung during the Advent season, from December 17<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup>.