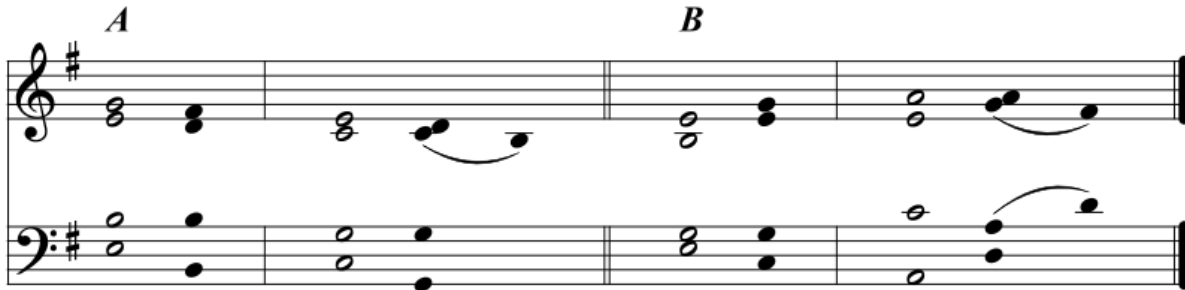


Music Notes for November 26, 2023

Today is the third 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](#). This Sunday continues one of the main themes of the Advent season, the Reign of God, and is sometimes known as "Christ the King" Sunday

The Simplified Anglican Chant psalm tone is below, to which the words of Psalm 100 will be sung:



Listen to the chant for Psalm 100 [here](#).

The prelude today is a set of variations on the opening hymn, "At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow," sung to the tune known as "Kings Weston." This tune was published in 1925 and was composed by Ralph Vaughn Williams. Through his composing, conducting, collecting, editing, and teaching Vaughan Williams (b. Down Ampney, Gloucestershire, England, October 12, 1872; d. Westminster, London, England, August 26, 1958) became the chief figure in the realm of English music and church music in the first half of the twentieth century. This vigorous melody is named for a manor house near Bristol, England, and was written specifically for this text, originally as part of an anthem that quickly became a favorite of choirs everywhere.

Today's anthem, "Christ is nigh," is based on the text of a Latin hymn from the 5th century, which looks forward to the coming reign of God in all its glory and majesty. We'll be singing this text in a couple of weeks again, but the music today is an old tune in 6/8 time from the Scottish Highlands, which will be familiar to all.