



## First Sunday after Christmas

**Sunday 28 December**

*St Paul's Voices*

### Choral Evensong

*Batten The Fourth Service*

*Psalms 132*

*Responses – Sanders*

*Anthem - A Christmas Prayer Burtonwood*

*The service continues on the cream card.*

## Office Hymn

Divinum Mysterium 33



Of the Father's love begotten  
ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega,  
he the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are, that have  
been,  
and that future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore.

By his word was all created;  
he commanded, it was done;  
earth and sky and boundless ocean,  
universe of three in one;  
all that sees the moon's soft  
radiance,  
all that breathes beneath the sun,  
evermore and evermore.

This is he whom seers in old time  
chanted of with one accord,  
whom the voices of the prophets  
promised in their faithful word;  
now he shines, the long-expected;  
let creation praise its Lord,  
evermore and evermore.

O you heights of heaven, adore him;  
angel hosts, his praises sing;  
all dominions, bow before him,  
and extol our God and King;  
let no tongue on earth be silent,  
every voice in concert sing,  
evermore and evermore!

*Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-c.410),  
translated John M Neale (1818-1866) and Henry  
W Baker (1821-1877)*

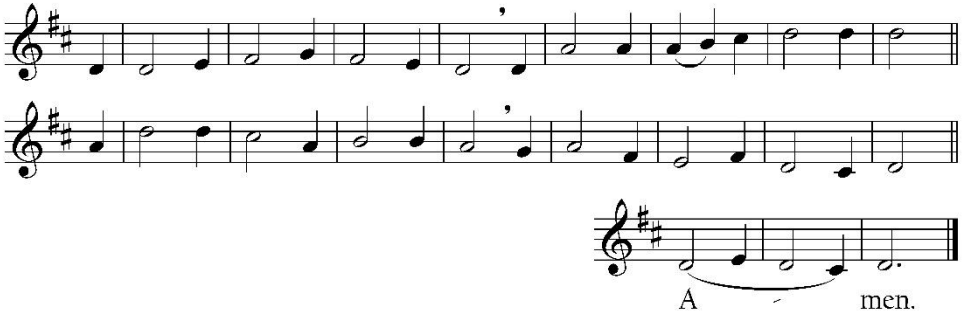
## The Word of God

**Psalmody** 132, p.519  
**First reading** Isaiah 61  
**Second reading** Luke 22.15-21

## Anthem

## Hymn

Puer Nobis Nascitur 19



Come thou Redeemer of the earth  
and manifest thy virgin-birth;  
Let every age adoring fall:  
such birth befits the God of all.

Begotten of no human will,  
but of the Spirit, thou art still  
the Word of God in flesh arrayed  
the promised fruit to us displayed.

O equal to thy Father, thou!  
Gird on thy fleshly mantle now,  
the weakness of our mortal state  
with deathless might invigorate.

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,  
and darkness breathe a newer light,  
where endless faith shall shine serene  
and twilight never intervene.

O Jesu, Virgin-born to thee  
eternal praise and glory be,  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.

*St Ambrose (340-97) Tr. J.N. Neale (1818-66) and others*

## The Organ Voluntary

Fantasia on the Christmas Light

*Simon Preston (1938 – 2022)*