

Christmas

HYMN 58 Divinum mysterium — 8 7 8 7 . 8 7 7

Nyland, *Piæ Cantiones*,
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Corde natus ex Parentis

mf 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.

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O that birth for ever blessed!
When the Virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
Bare the Saviour of our race,

And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
First revealed his sacred face,
Evermore and evermore.

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f O ye heights of heaven, adore him;
Angel hosts, his praises sing;
Powers, dominions bow before him,
And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore.

PRUDENTIUS *Tr.* J. M. Neale †

NOTE. A longer version of this hymn will be found in the 'Processional' section (591)