Drop-caps with lettrine

Some basic drop cap examples. *Nota bene* You should globally set the font used for your drop caps with the **\LettrineFontHook**. *Id est* use a command like:

\renewcommand{\LettrineFontHook}{\fontfamily{ppl}} which changes the font used for the drop cap to (in this case) Palatino.

WELCOME to an example drop-capped paragraph. I want it really long so it extends over several lines, because there's really not much point in writing an example paragraph for a dropped capital if there is nowhere for it to protrude....

Sans serif doesn't look too bad. It's nice with the constant width 'S'. The lettrine documentation contains a (French) demo of the advanced features of this package. With tweaking per character, you can get some fantastic results.

PLEASE have a look at the fancy-math-fonts.tex example for some more ideas on using alternate fonts here. I'd recommend Euler Caligraphic (with the eucal package) and Euler Fractur (with the amssymb or amsfonts packages).

REMEMBER not to over-do any font changing in your document. I'm not even sure how suitable drop caps are in most circumstances. But don't they look nice?