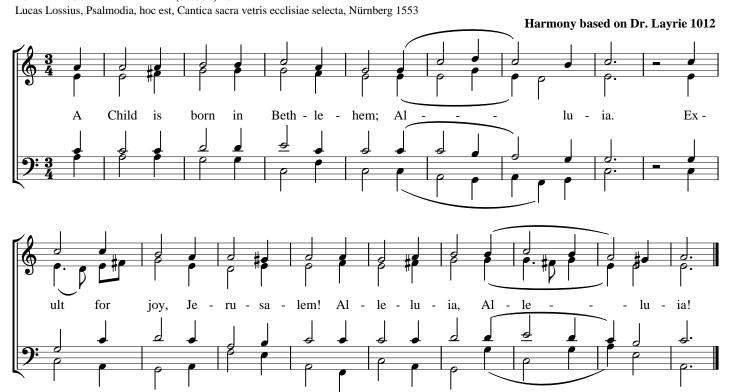
## A Child is born in Bethlehem

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- A Child is born in Bethlehem;

  Alleluia

  Exult for joy Jerusalem

  Alleluia. Alleluia.
- 2. Lo! He who reigns above the skies There, in a manger lowly lies
- 3. The ox and ass in neighb'ring stall See in the Christ the Lord of all.
- 4. And kingly pilgrims long foretold, From east bring incense, myrrh and gold,
- And enter with their offerings To hail the new born king of kings

- 6. He comes a maiden mother's son, Yet earthly father has he none;
- 7. And from the serpent's poison free He owned our blood and pedigree
- 8. Our feeble flesh and his the same, Our sinless kinsman he became.
- 9. That we, from deadly thrall set free, Like him, and so like god should be.
- 10. Come then, and on this natal day, Rejoice before the Lord and pray
- 11. And to the Holy One in Three Give praise and thanks eternally.

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