

*Welcome to
Homestead Park
United Methodist Church*

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Announcements





Today
07/26/26
following worship

Trustee / Church Council

Welcome to our



All children and their adults are welcome!

Need a minute? Use our family lounge!

*weekly
schedule*

All are welcome!

Sunday 11am
(4th Fl Annex Hall)

Prayer Meeting

Monday 9³⁰am
(Fellowship Hall)

Tai Chi



*weekly
schedule*

All are welcome!

**Tuesday /
Friday 10am**
(Fellowship Hall)

Line Dancers

**1st & 3rd
Saturday 8am**
(Fellowship Hall)

Outreach Ministry



Other Announcements

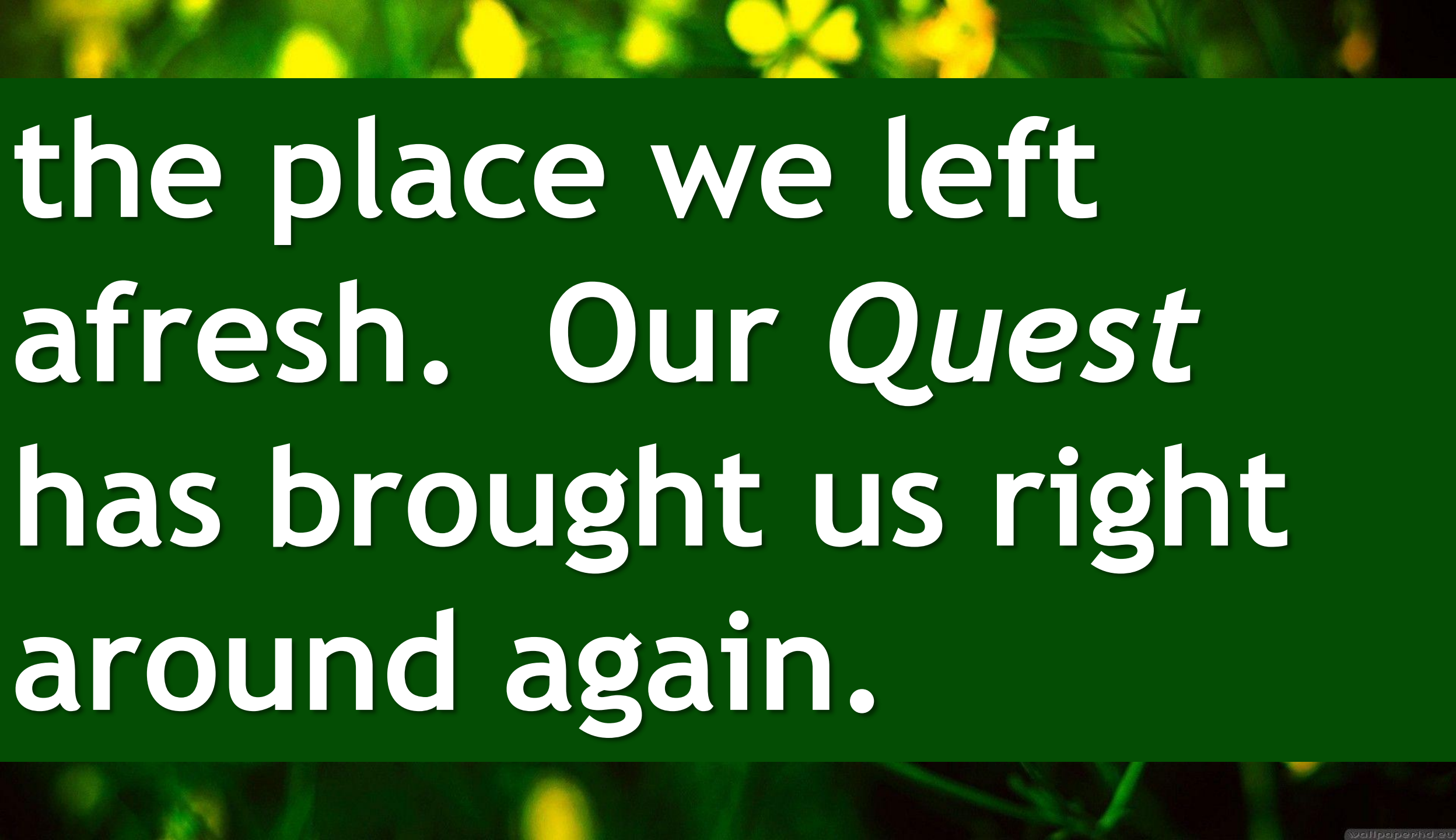




*Think About
This . . .*

Sometimes when we
have traveled away
from the familiar, we
return and find the
familiar holds more

than we had noticed
before. Our eyes,
now trained to
wonder and
appreciate, behold



the place we left
afresh. Our *Quest*
has brought us right
around again.



Call to Worship

(responsive)

(Please rise in body or spirit)

As we bring our series
on travel to a close,
we contemplate what
it means to return
home. After

stretching our spirits
and our love to
include more of the
glorious creation and
its peoples, we return

to a home that will
never be the same to
us.

We have returned
with guests —

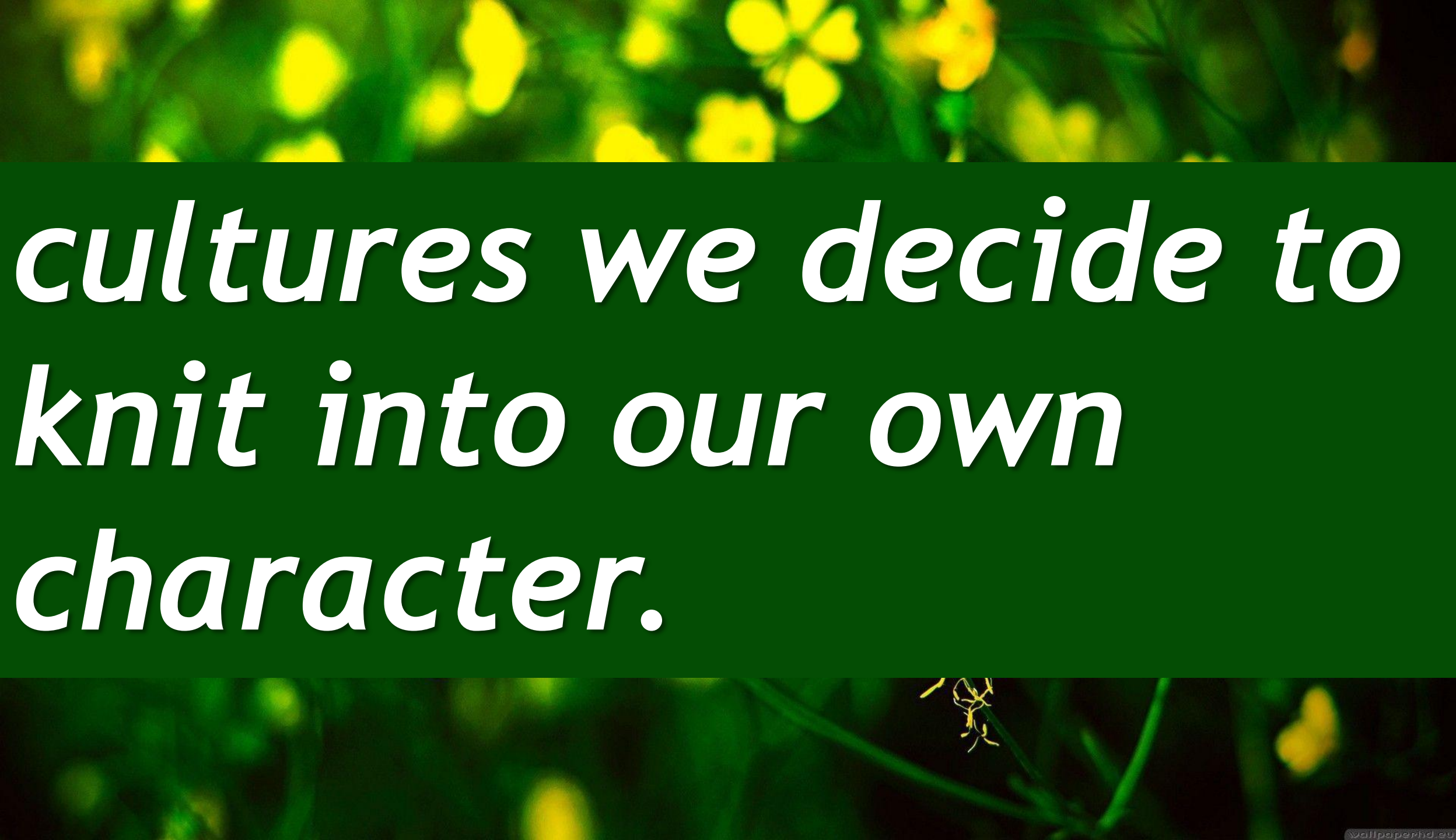
memories of new
friends and new
perspectives.

Perhaps we also
return with new

convictions to be
more active and
loving citizens of
humanity right where
we reside.

Jesus says *abide in me* and follows that up with the commandment to love one another.

The beauty of travel
as a spiritual act is
that our prized
souvenirs are the
strands of different



*cultures we decide to
knit into our own
character.*

All: Coming home, we
set our seeing to hold
onto deeper meaning;
loving life and making
home a place for all



the creation and its
beings.

Happy the Home
UMH # 445

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Happy the home when
God is there,
and love fills every
breast;

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when one their wish,
and one their prayer,
and one their
heavenly rest.

Happy the home
where Jesus' name
is sweet to every
ear;

where children early
speak his fame,
and parents hold him
dear.

Happy the home
where prayer is
heard, and praise is
wont to rise;

where parents love
the sacred Word
and all its wisdom
prize.

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Lord, let us in our
homes agree
this blessed peace to
gain;

unite our hearts in
love to thee,
and love to all will
reign.



Opening Prayer

(unison)

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Sojourning God, your
Spirit exists
everywhere, on every
path, inviting us to
move with curiosity

and compassion
toward each other.
May we see that our
home paths are the
unfamiliar paths for

someone else. With
renewed compassion,
open our hearts for
hospitality, so that in
our welcoming, we

will grow together in
peace, expand our
chances for love, and
deepen understanding
right where we are.



Nudge and guide us,
we pray. Amen.

We Hear
God's **Word**

Scripture ~ First Reading
Psalm 36:5-9 NLT

⁵ Your unfailing love,
O LORD, is as vast as
the heavens; your
faithfulness reaches
beyond the clouds.

⁶ Your righteousness
is like the mighty
mountains, your
justice like the ocean
depths. You care for

people and animals
alike, O LORD. ⁷ How
precious is your
unfailing love, O God!
All humanity finds

shelter in the shadow
of your wings. ⁸ You
feed them from the
abundance of your
own house, letting

them drink from your
river of delights. ⁹ For
you are the fountain
of life, the light by
which we see.

Scripture ~ Second Reading
John 15:1-17 NLT

“I am the true grape vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't

produce fruit, and he
prunes the branches
that do bear fruit so
they will produce
even more. ³ You have

already been pruned
and purified by the
message I have given
you. ⁴ Remain in me,
and I will remain in

you. For a branch
cannot produce fruit
if it is severed from
the vine, and you
cannot be fruitful

unless you remain in
me. ⁵ “Yes, I am the
vine; you are the
branches. Those who
remain in me, and I in

them, will produce
much fruit. For apart
from me you can do
nothing. ⁶ Anyone
who does not remain

in me is thrown away
like a useless branch
and withers. Such
branches are
gathered into a pile

to be burned. ⁷ But if
you remain in me and
my words remain in
you, you may ask for
anything you want,

and it will be granted!

⁸ When you produce
much fruit, you are
my true disciples.

This brings great glory

to my Father. ⁹ “I
have loved you even
as the Father has
loved me. Remain in
my love. ¹⁰ When you

obey my
commandments, you
remain in my love,
just as I obey my
Father's

commandments and
remain in his love. ¹¹ I
have told you these
things so that you will
be filled with my joy.

Yes, your joy will
overflow! ¹² This is my
commandment: Love
each other in the
same way I have

loved you. ¹³ There is
no greater love than
to lay down one's life
for one's friends. You
are my friends if you

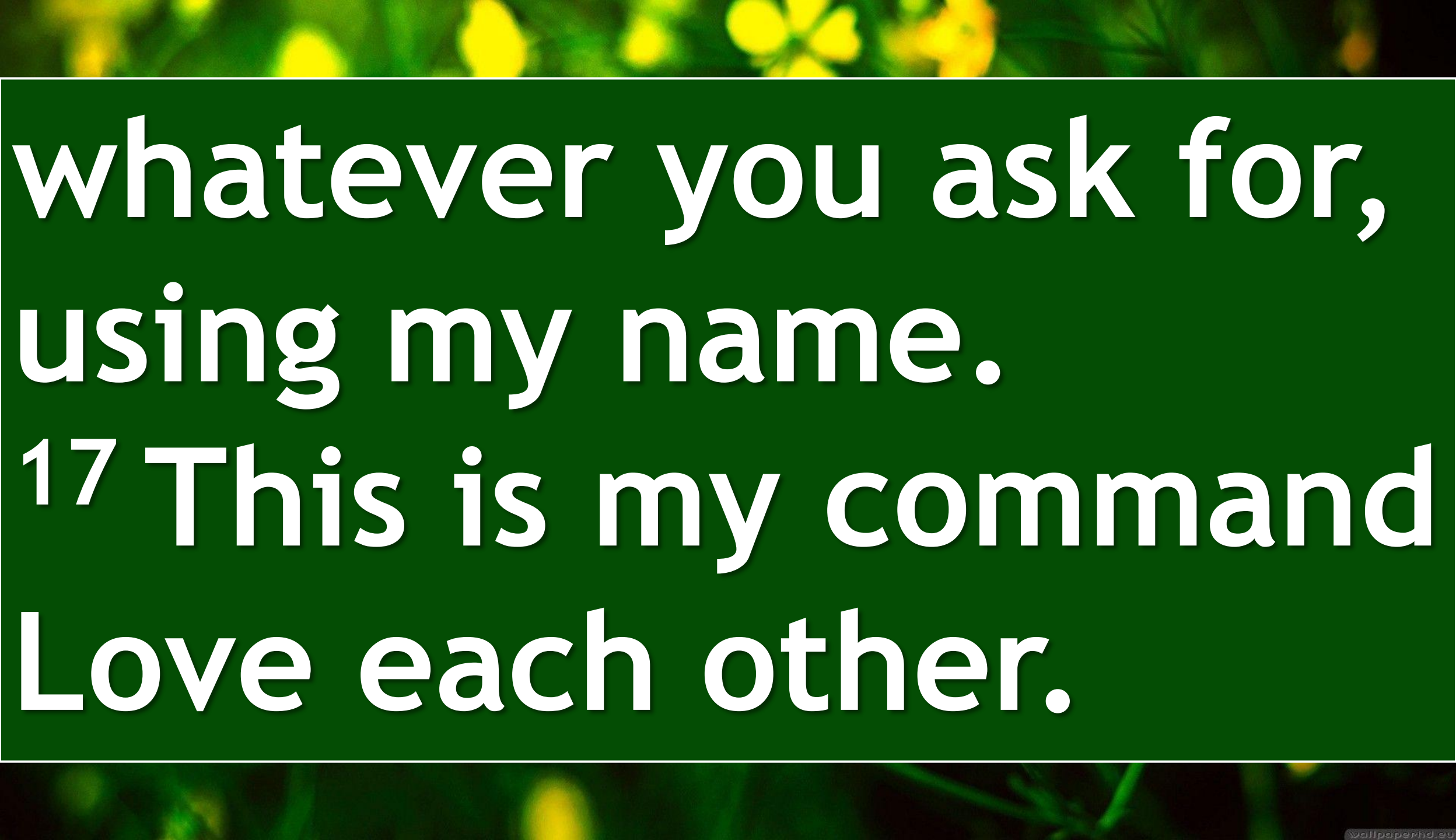
do what I command.

¹⁵ I no longer call you
slaves, because a
master doesn't
confide in his slaves.

Now you are my
friends, since I have
told you everything
the Father told me.

¹⁶ You didn't choose

me. I chose you. I
appointed you to go
and produce lasting
fruit, so that the
Father will give you



whatever you ask for,
using my name.

¹⁷ This is my command
Love each other.



Children's Message



Sermon Series

Quest:

The Awakened Traveler!

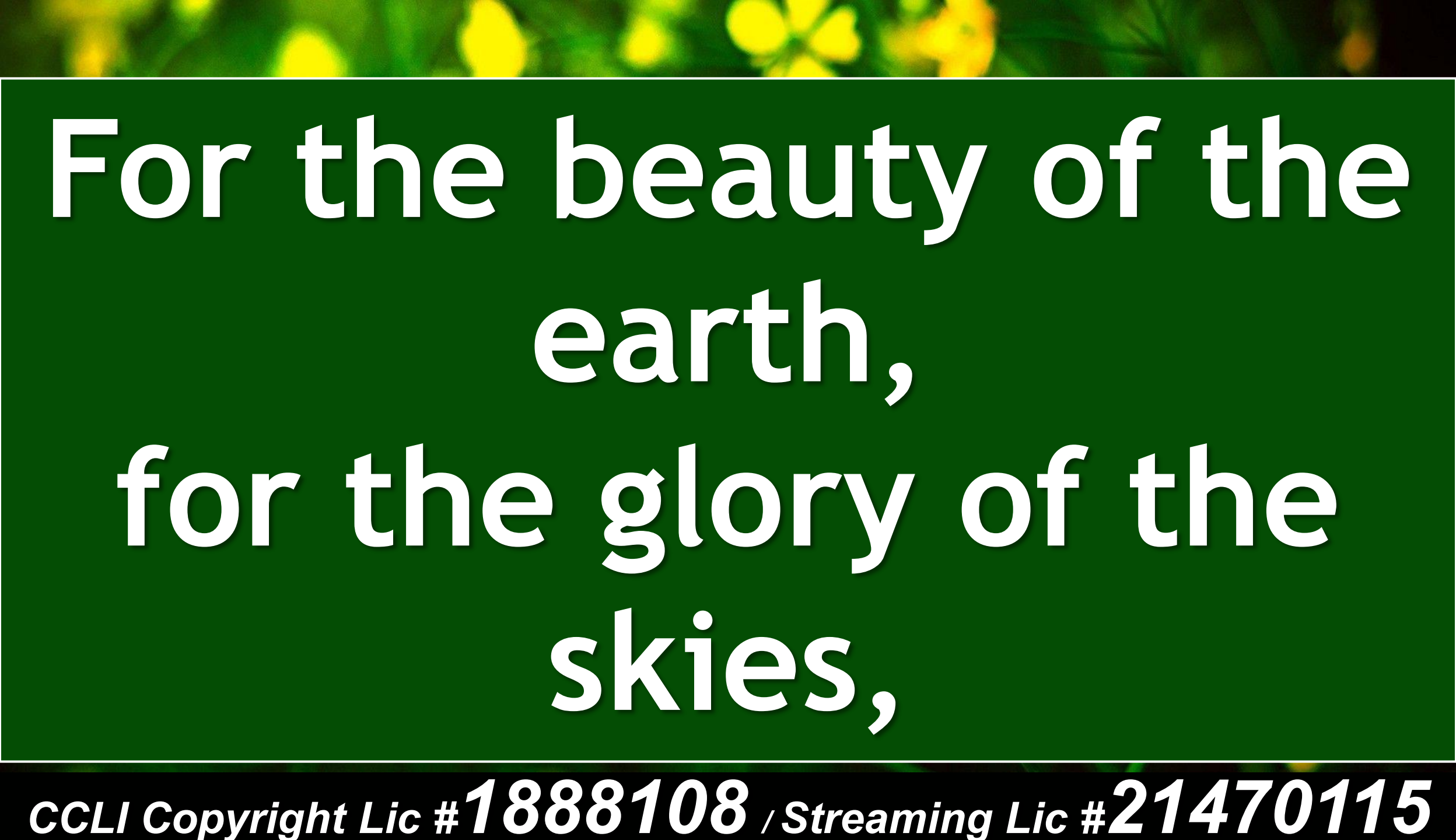
Sermon Title

Returning Home!

We Respond to
God's Word

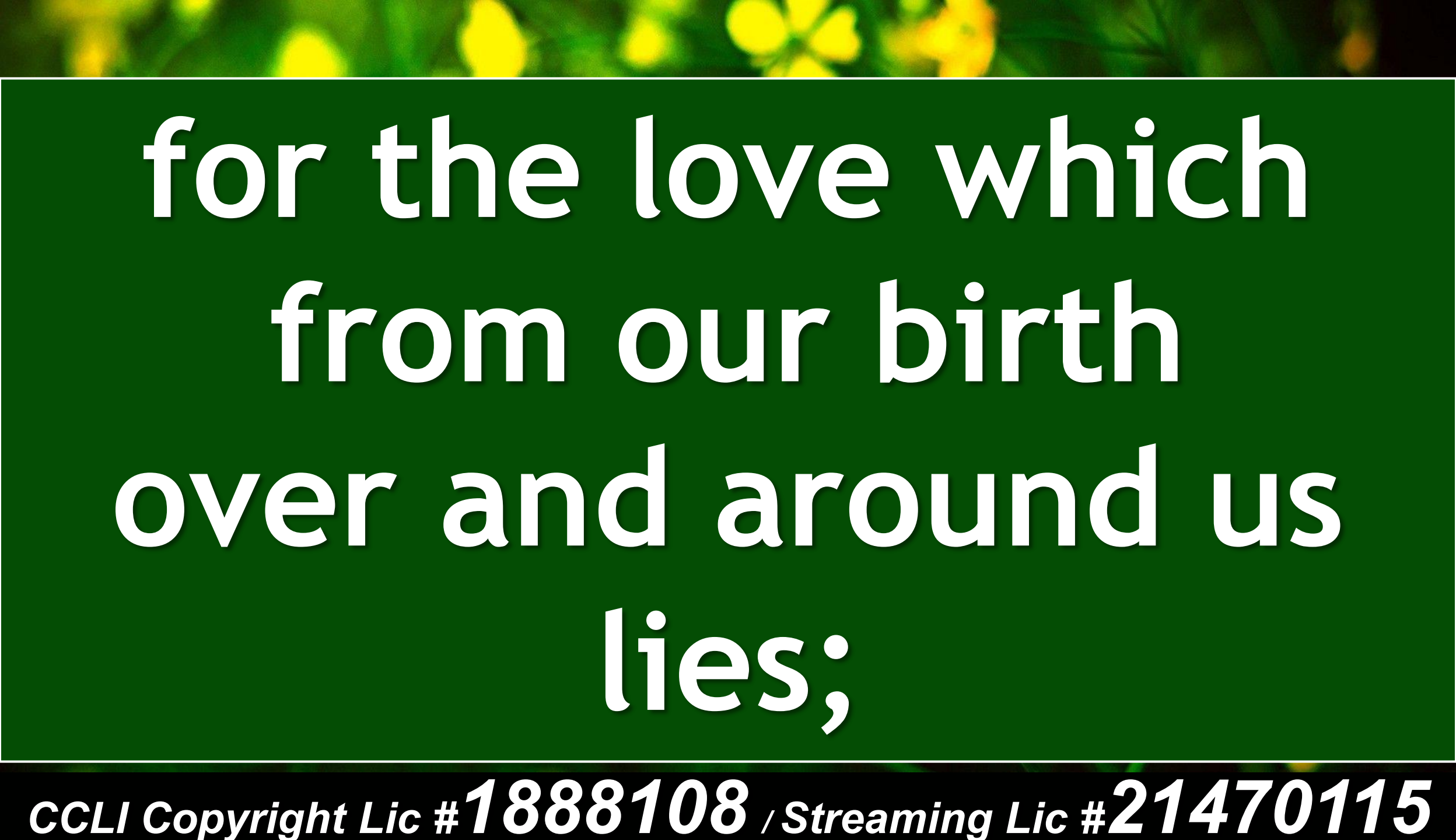
*For the Beauty
of the Earth
UMH # 92*

(Please rise in body or spirit)



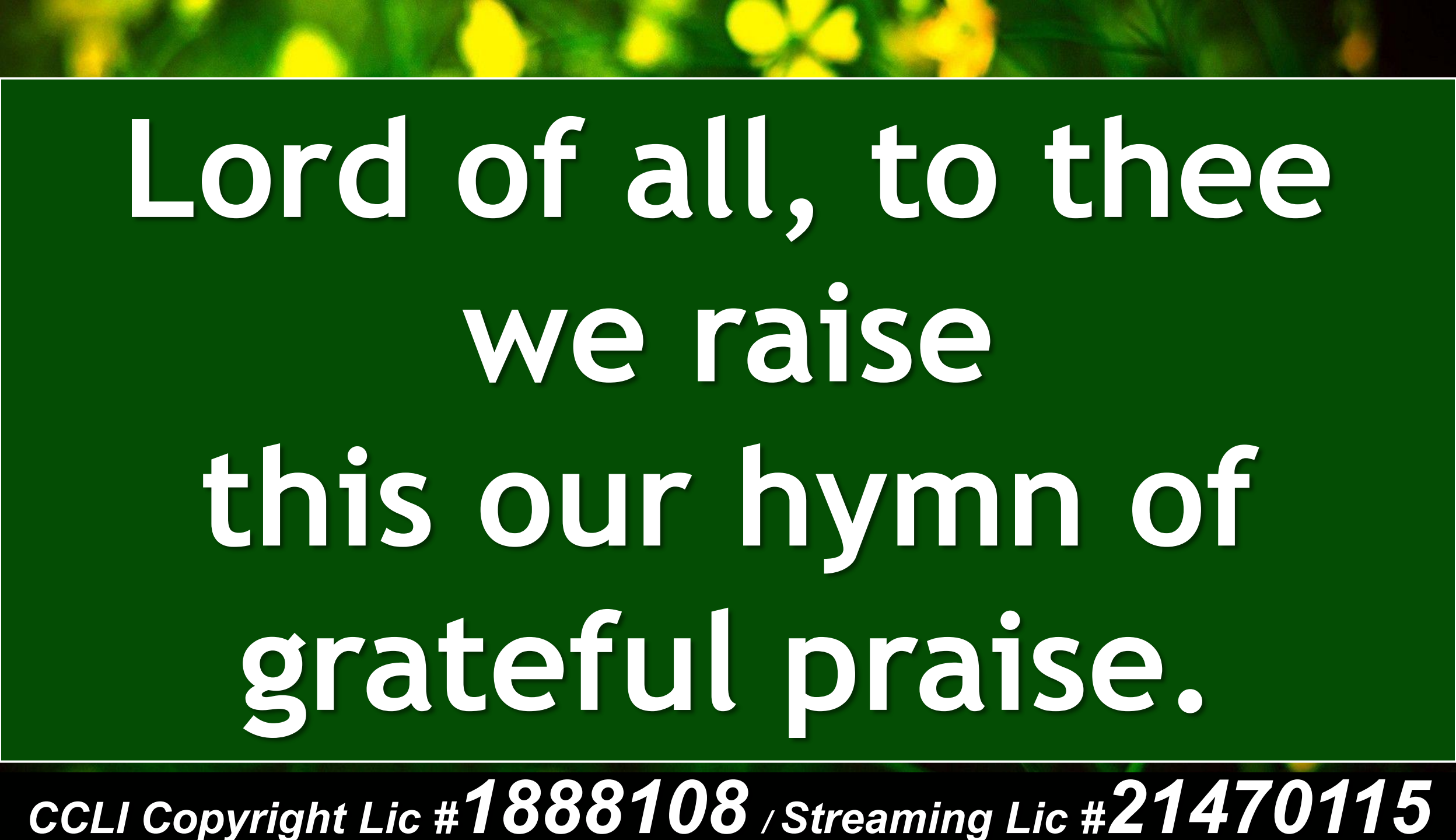
For the beauty of the
earth,
for the glory of the
skies,

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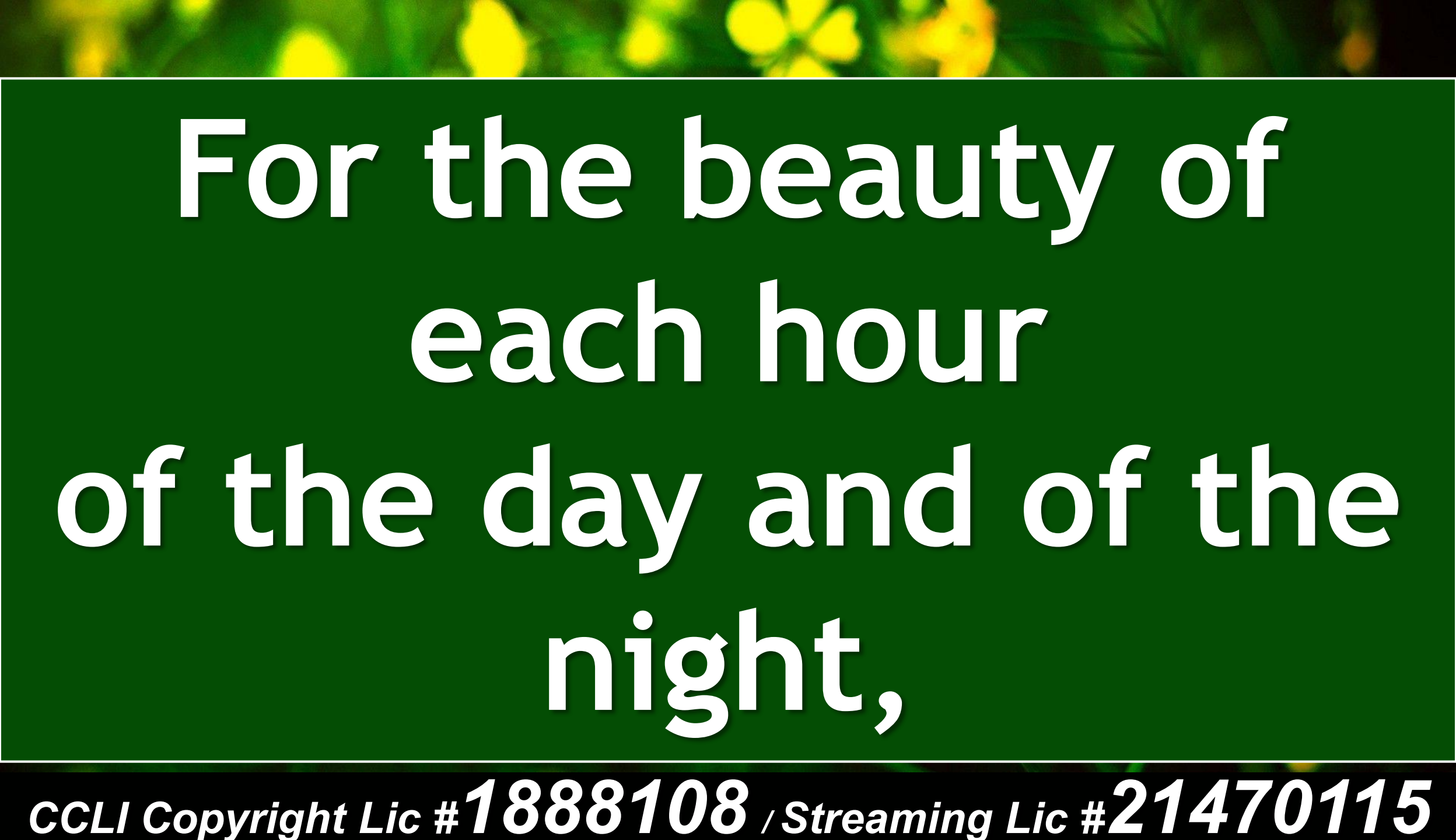
for the love which
from our birth
over and around us
lies;

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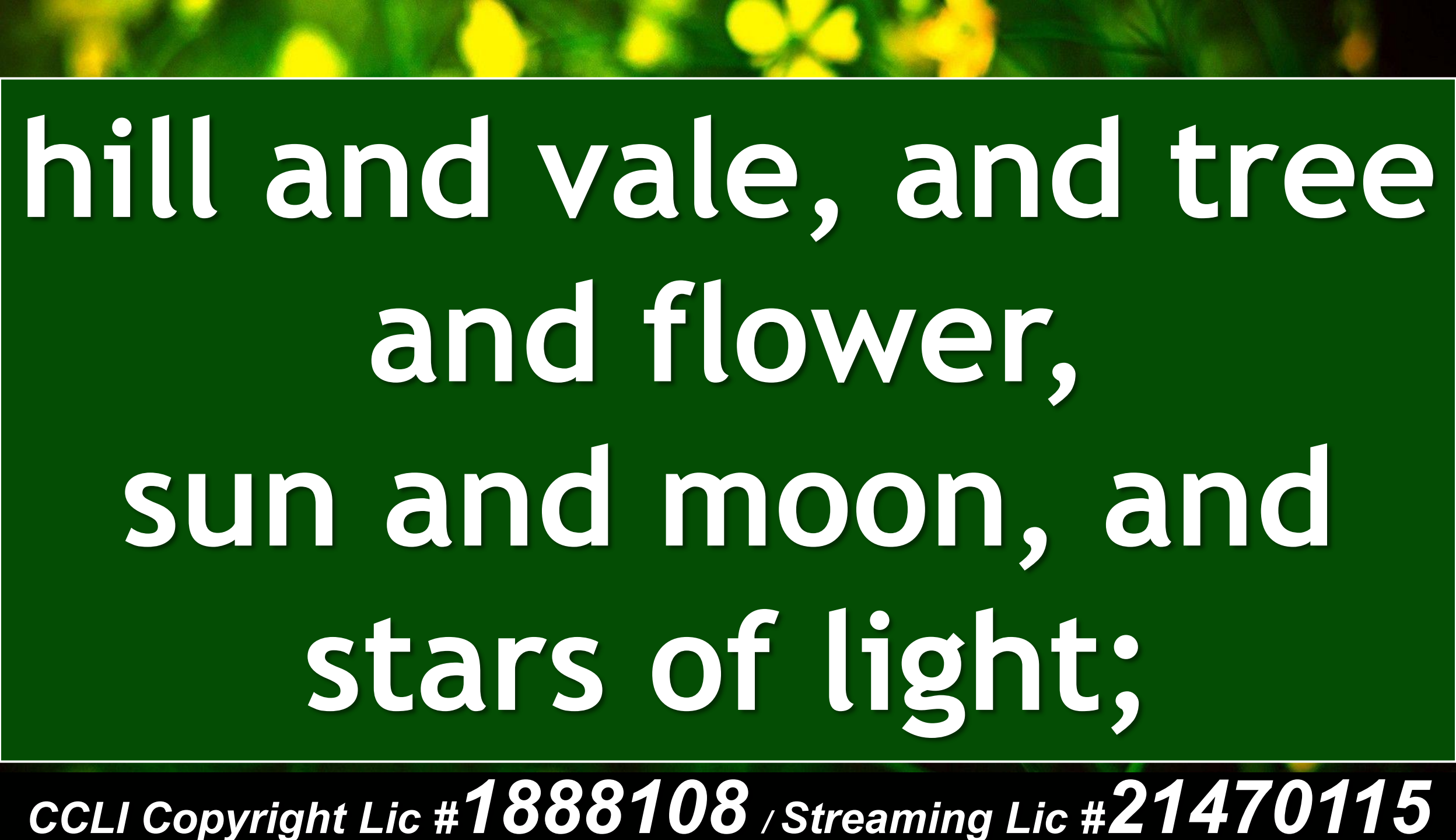
Lord of all, to thee
we raise
this our hymn of
grateful praise.

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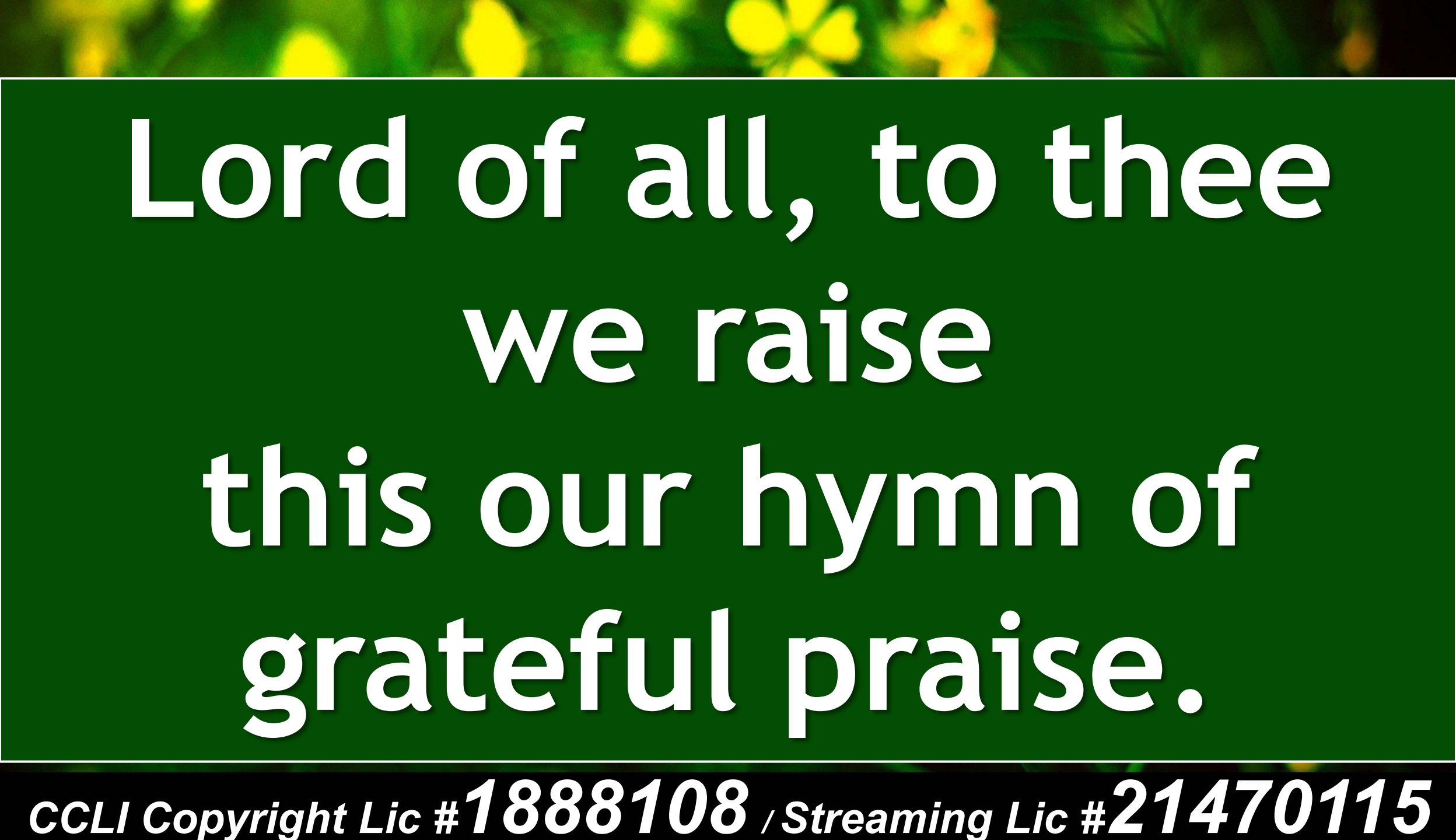
For the beauty of
each hour
of the day and of the
night,

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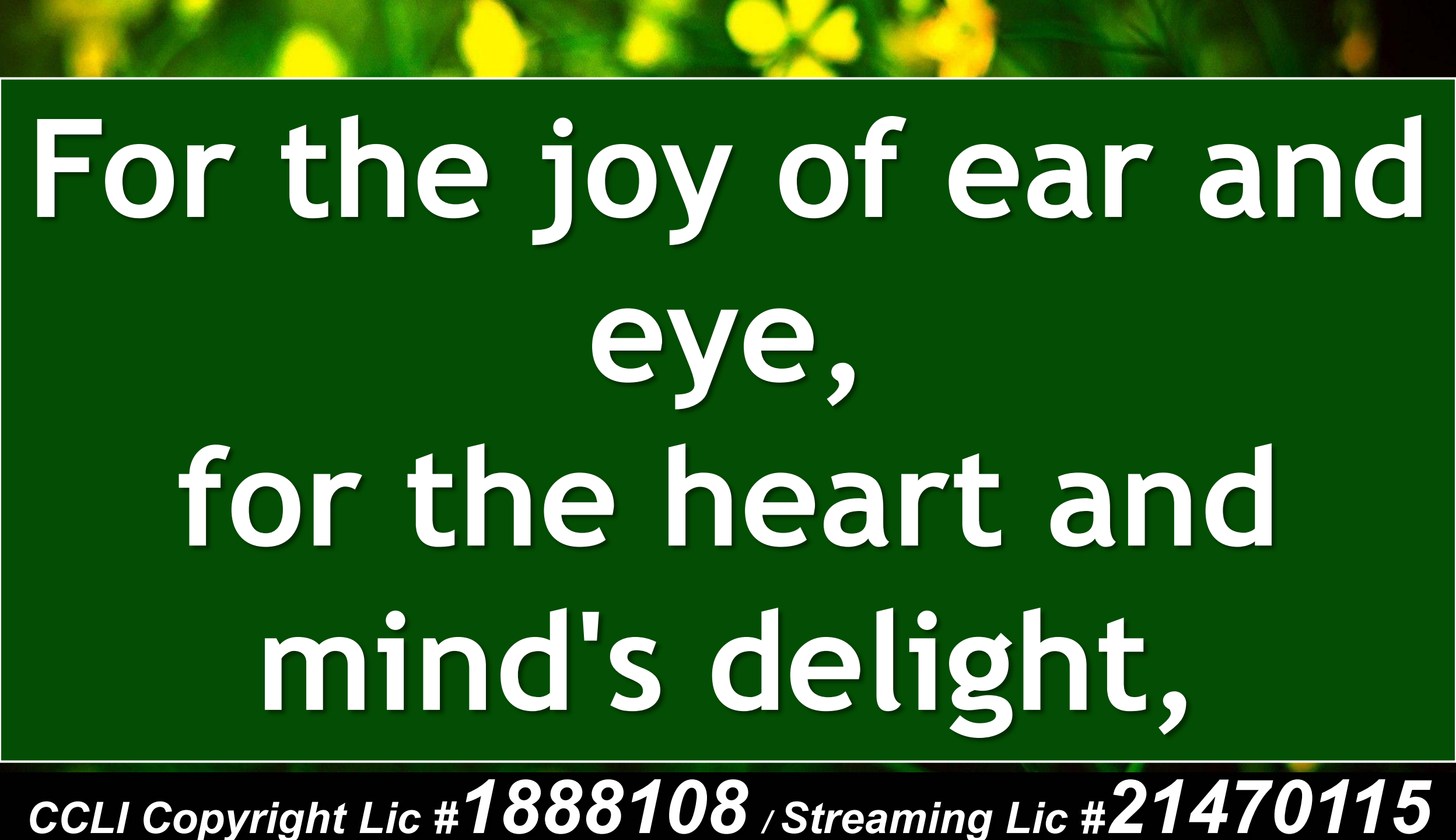
hill and vale, and tree
and flower,
sun and moon, and
stars of light;

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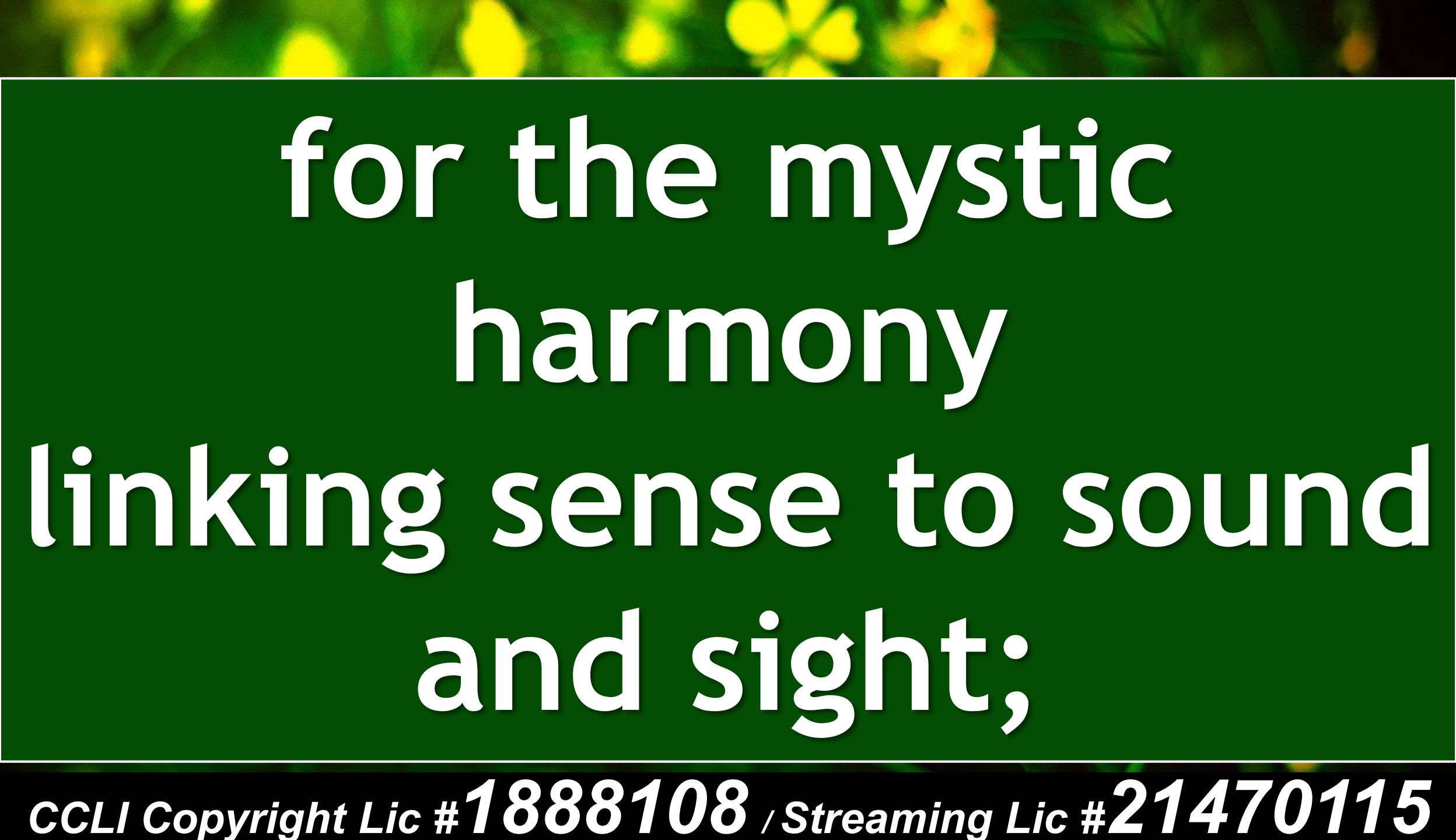
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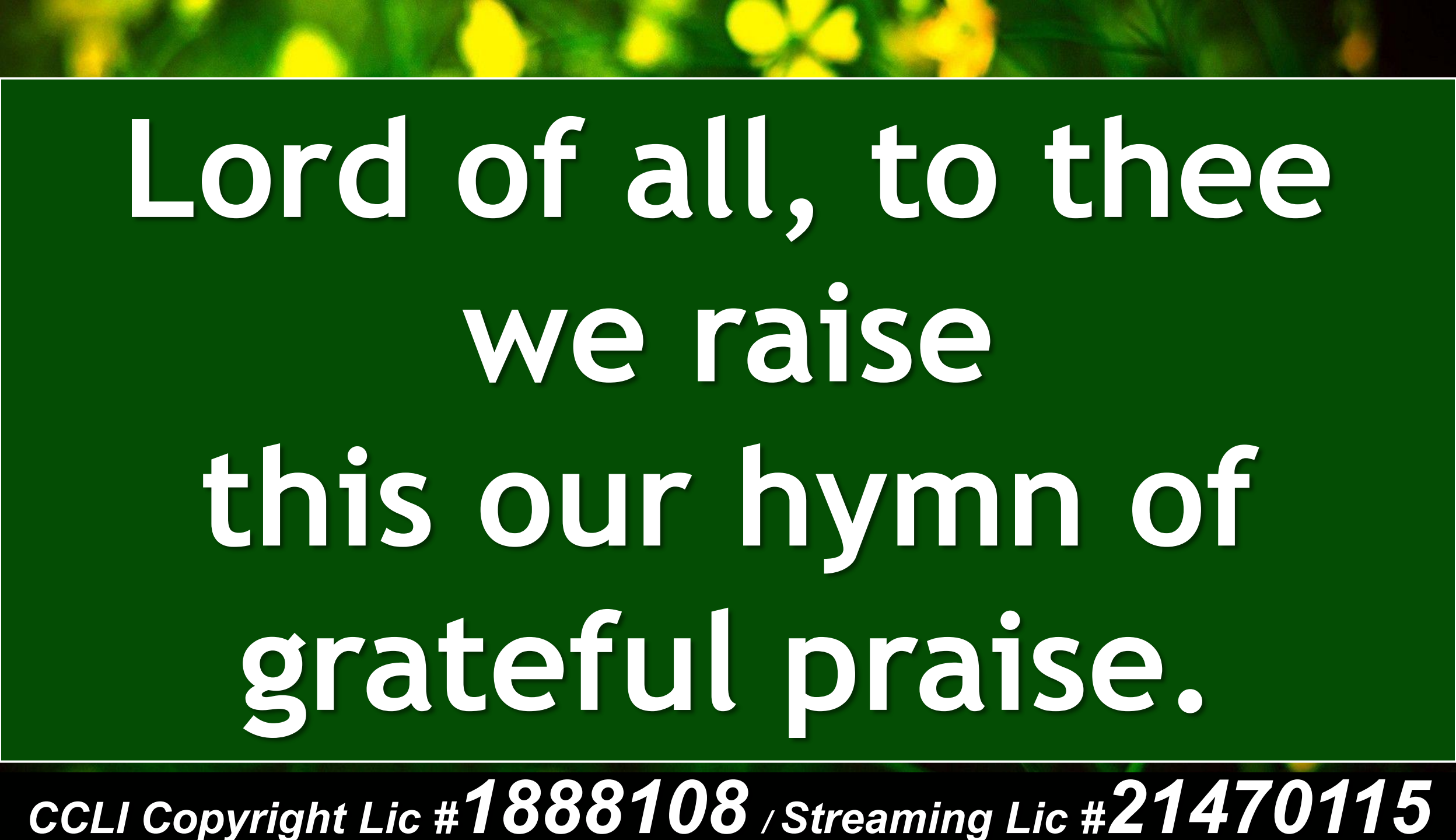
For the joy of ear and
eye,
for the heart and
mind's delight,

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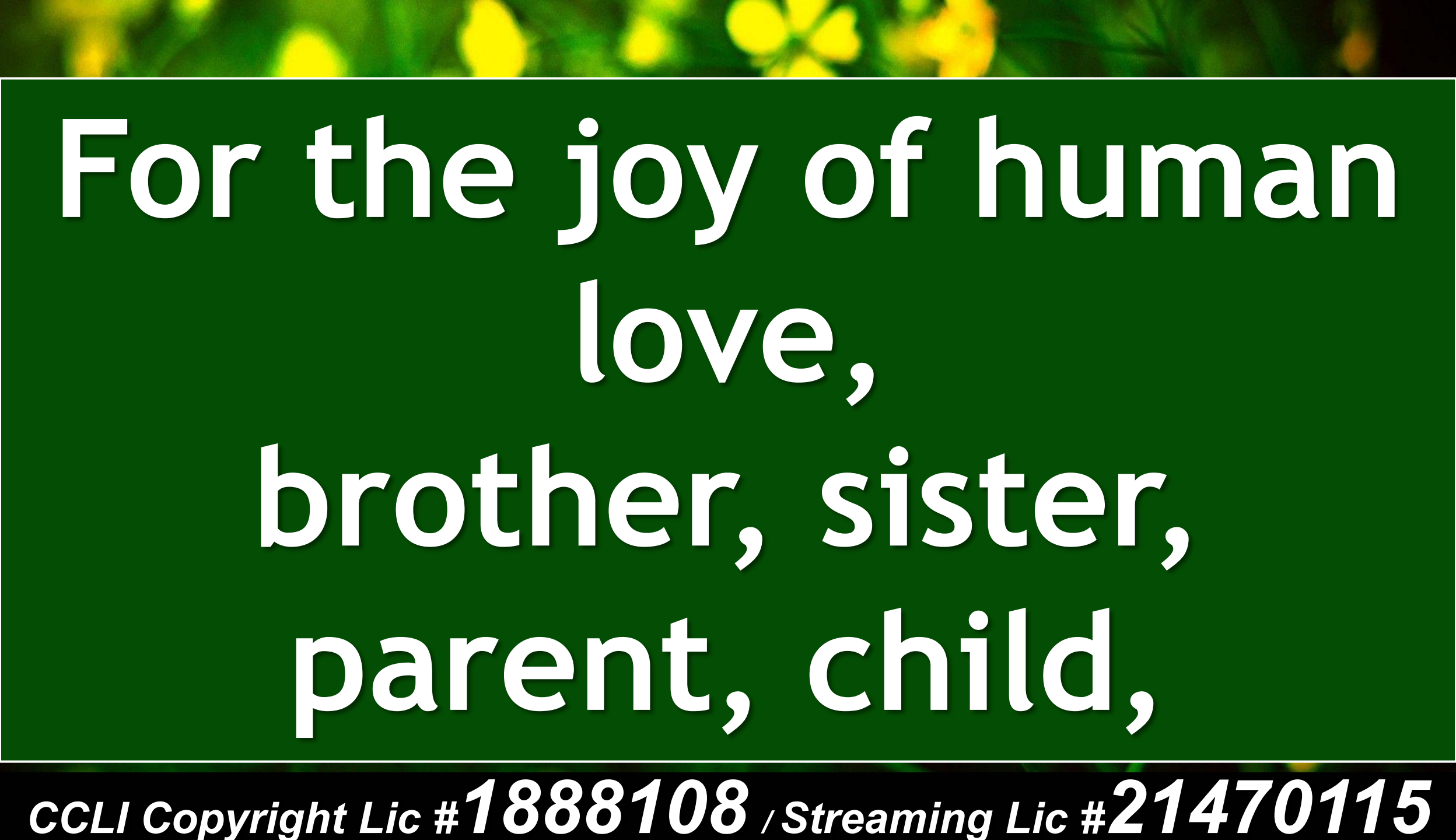
for the mystic
harmony
linking sense to sound
and sight;

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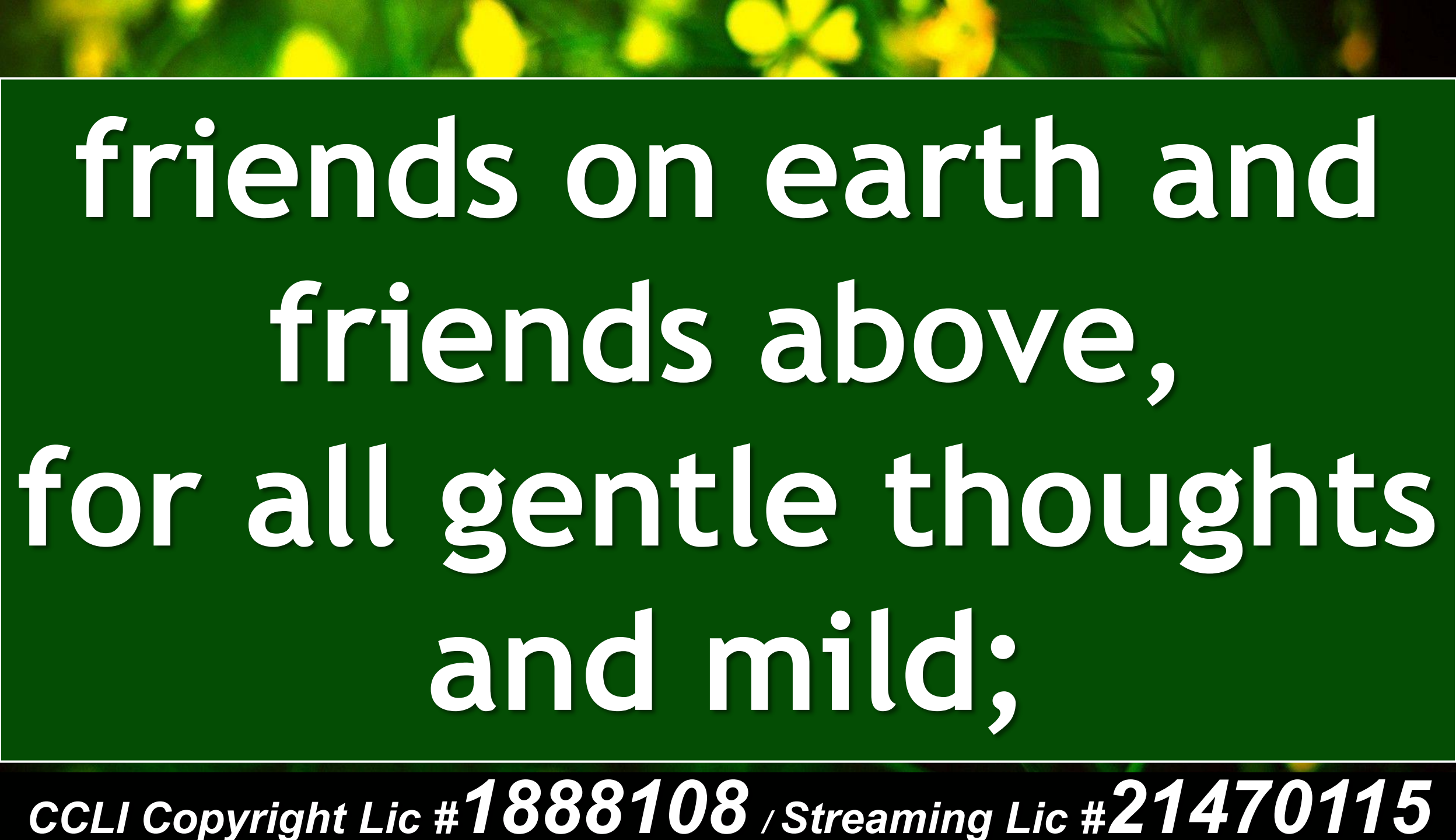
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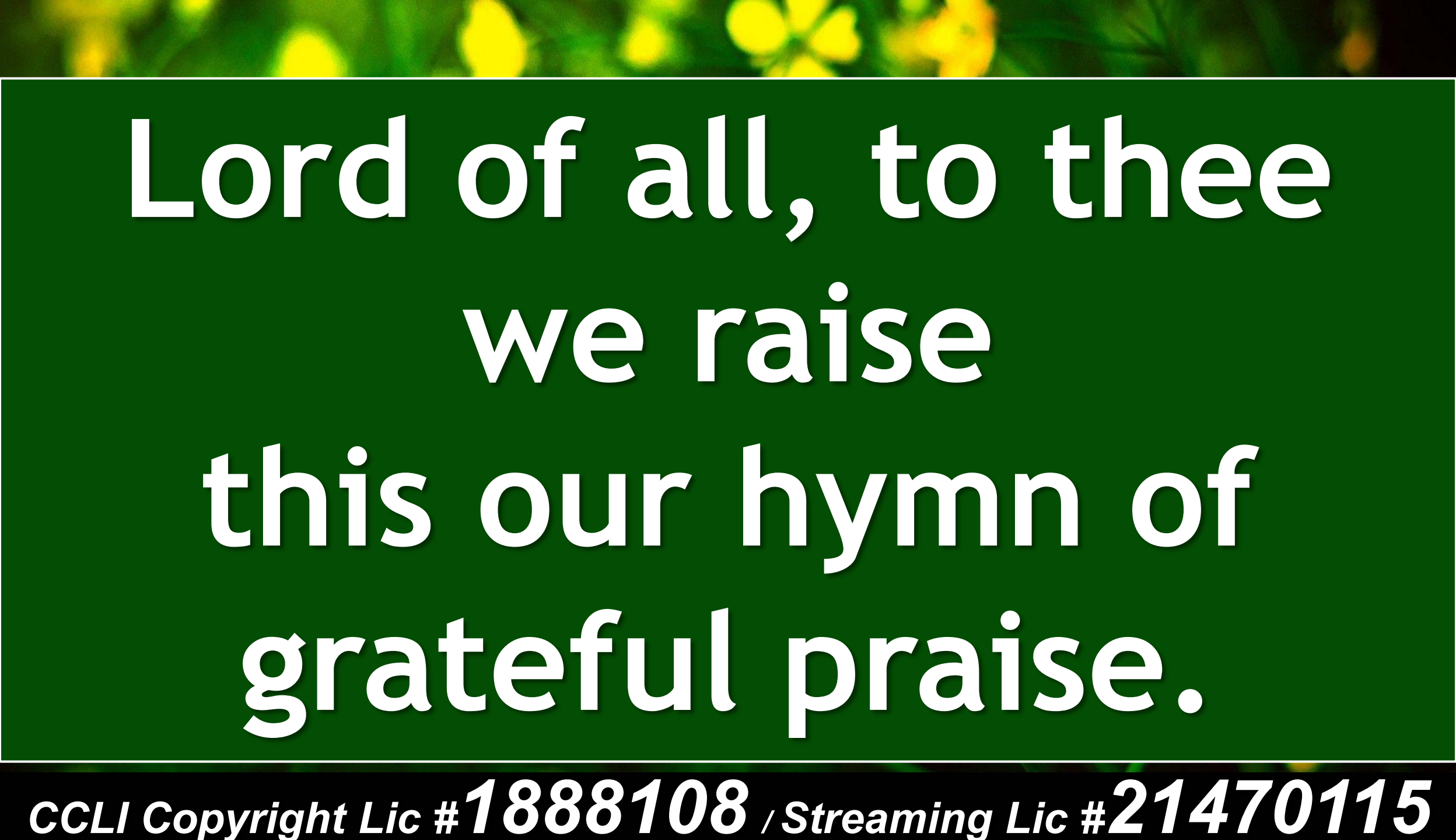
For the joy of human
love,
brother, sister,
parent, child,

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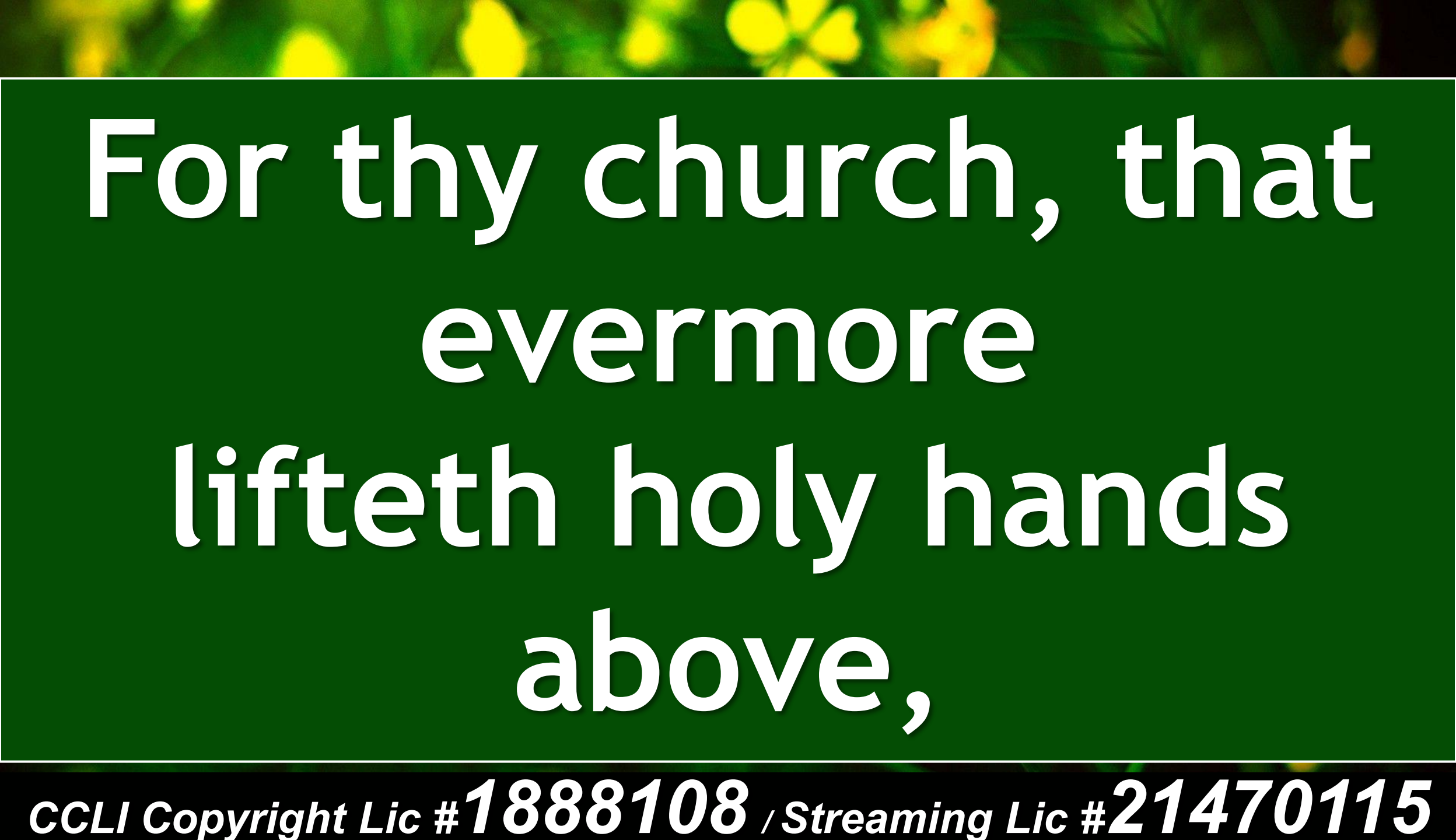
friends on earth and
friends above,
for all gentle thoughts
and mild;

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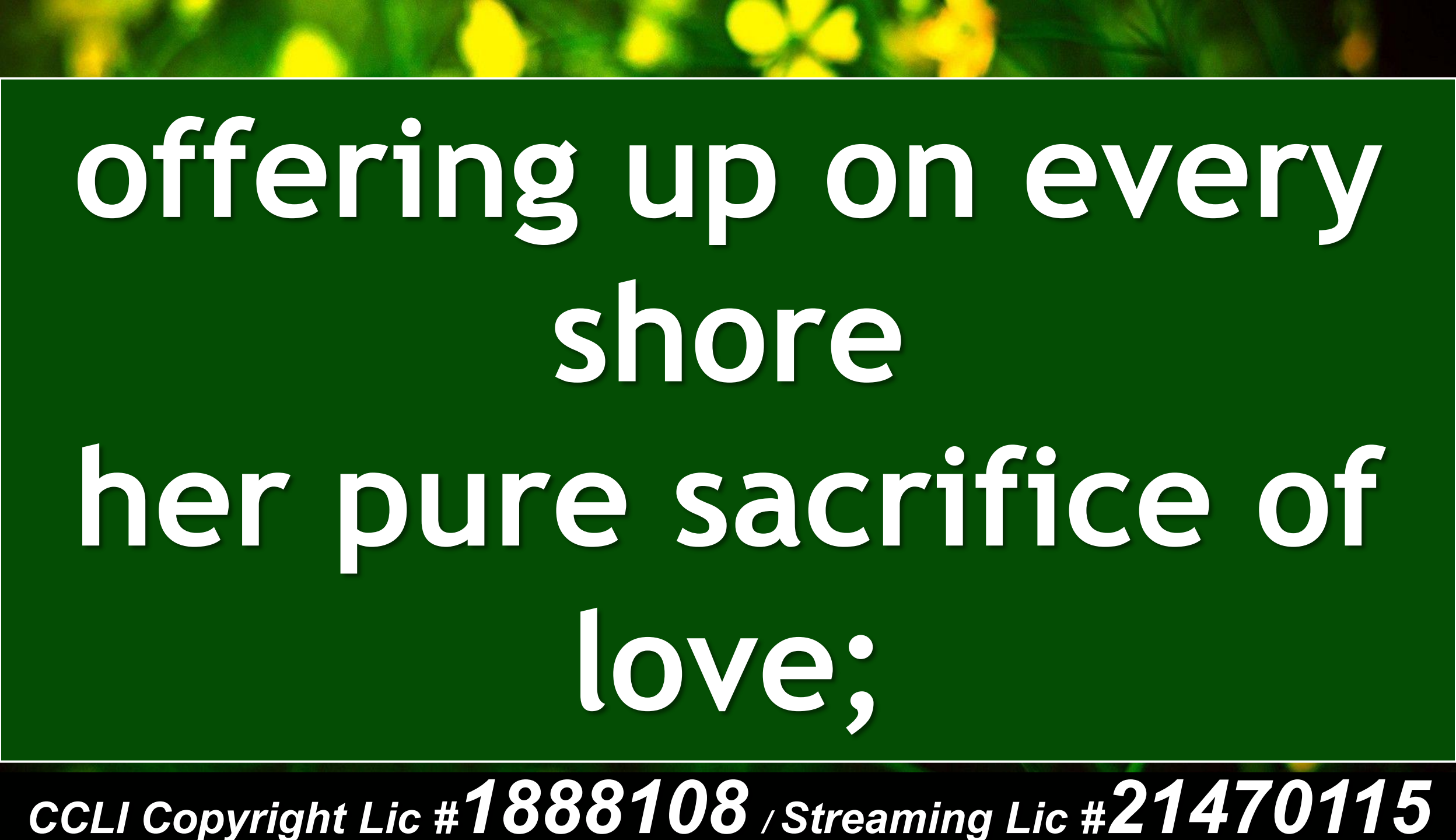
Lord of all, to thee
we raise
this our hymn of
grateful praise.

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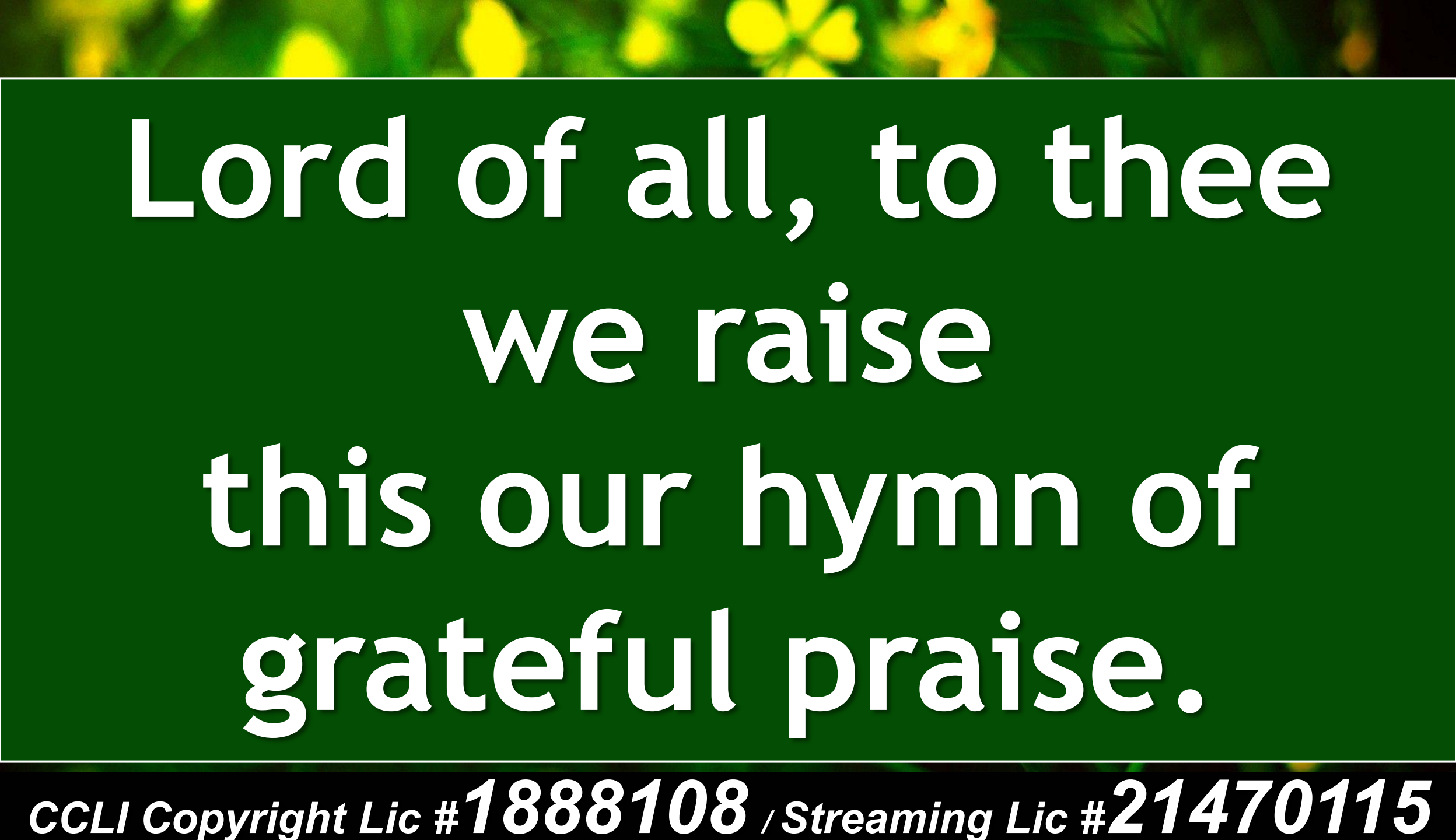
For thy church, that
evermore
lifteth holy hands
above,

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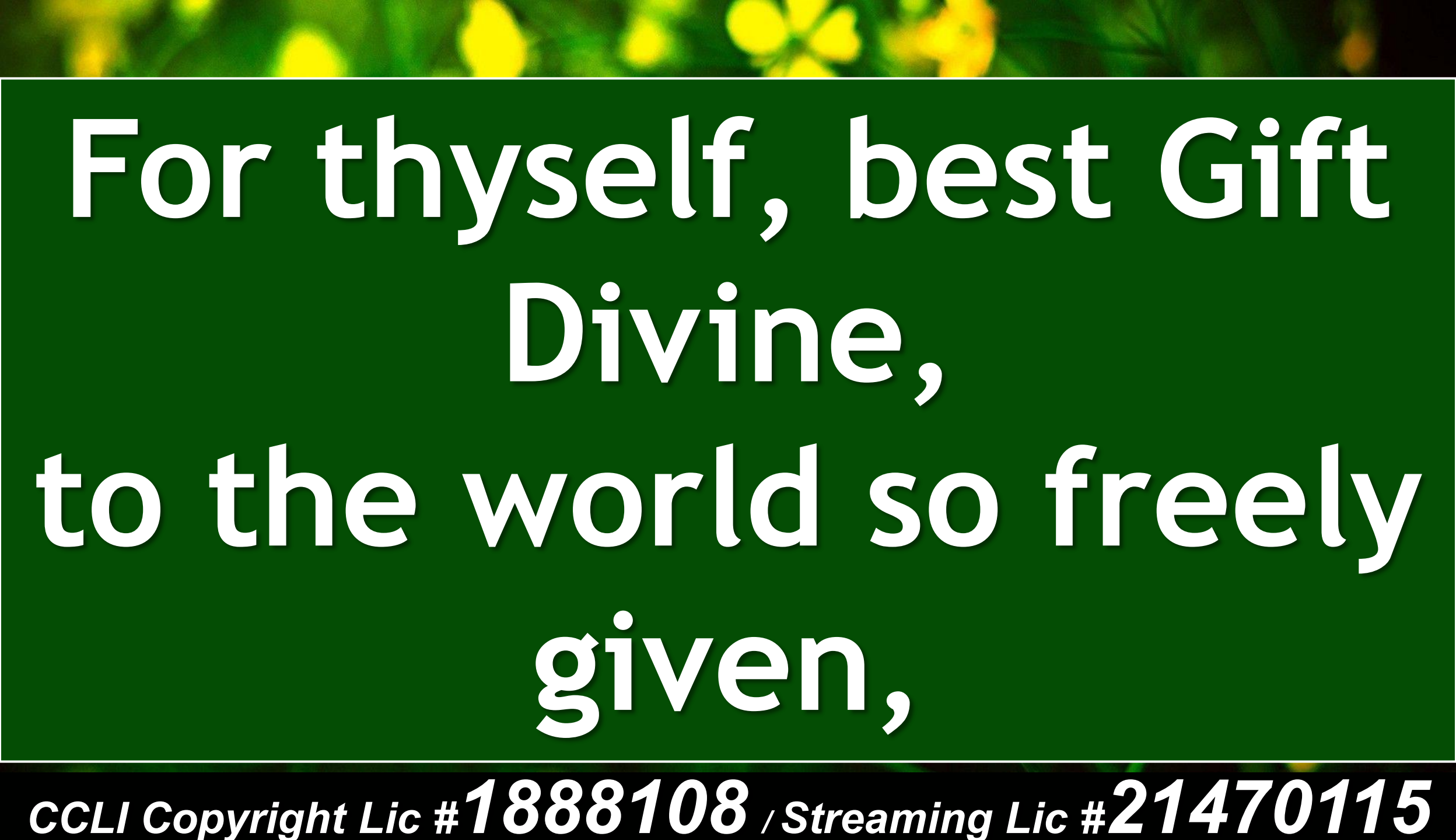
offering up on every
shore
her pure sacrifice of
love;

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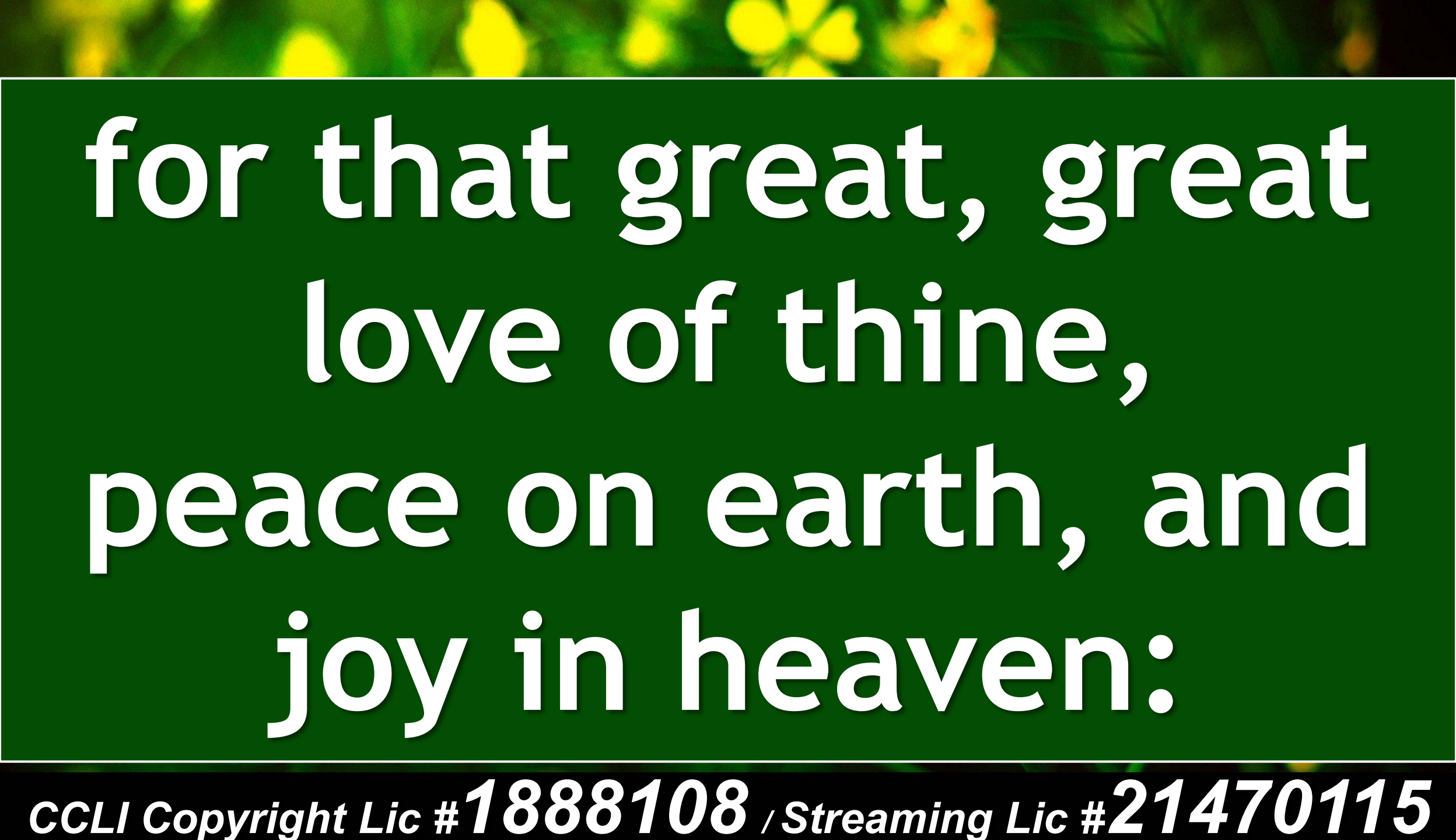
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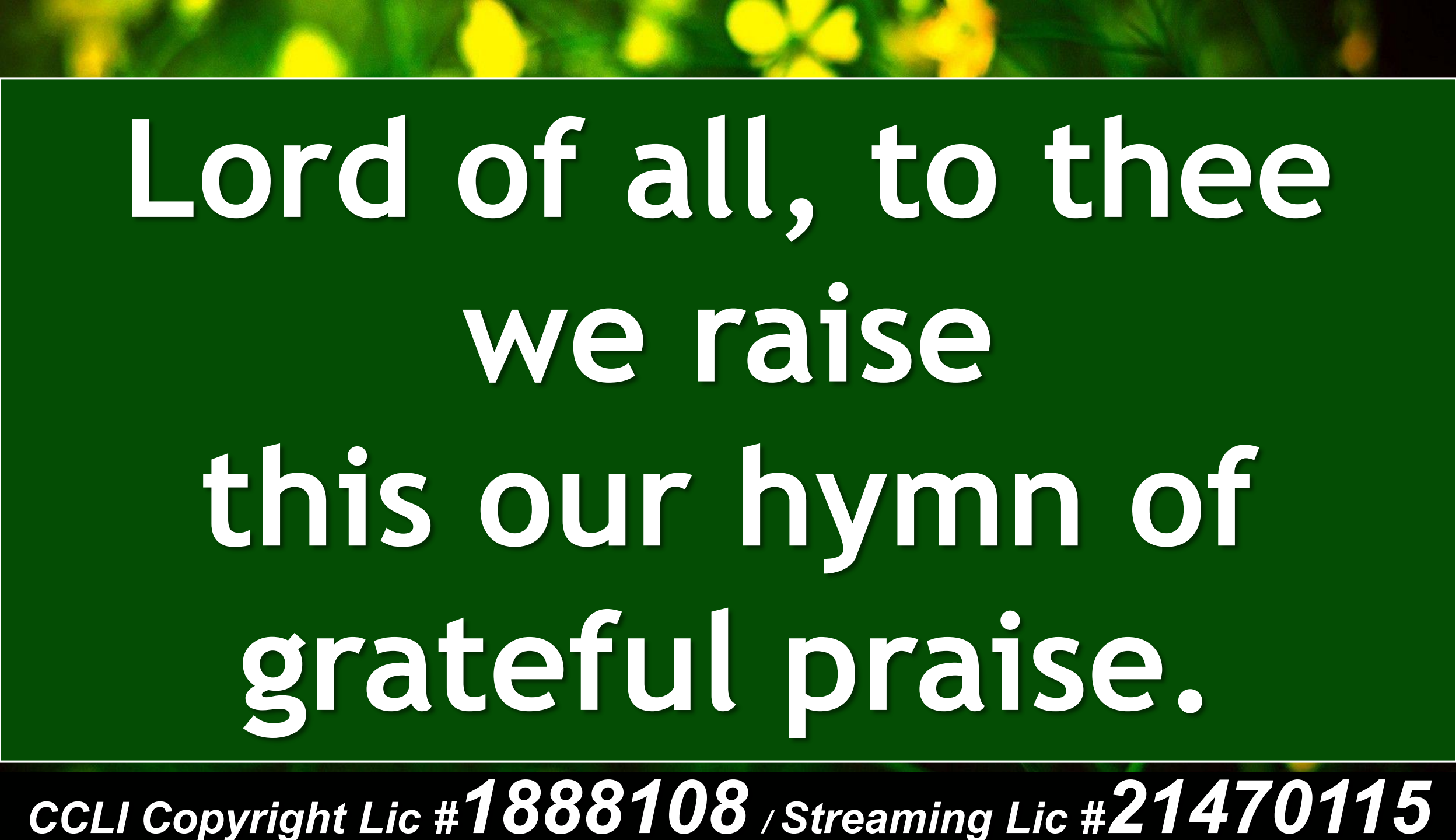
For thyself, best Gift
Divine,
to the world so freely
given,

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for that great, great
love of thine,
peace on earth, and
joy in heaven:

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Lord of all, to thee
we raise
this our hymn of
grateful praise.

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*Morning Prayer
and
Prayer Requests*



The Lord's Prayer

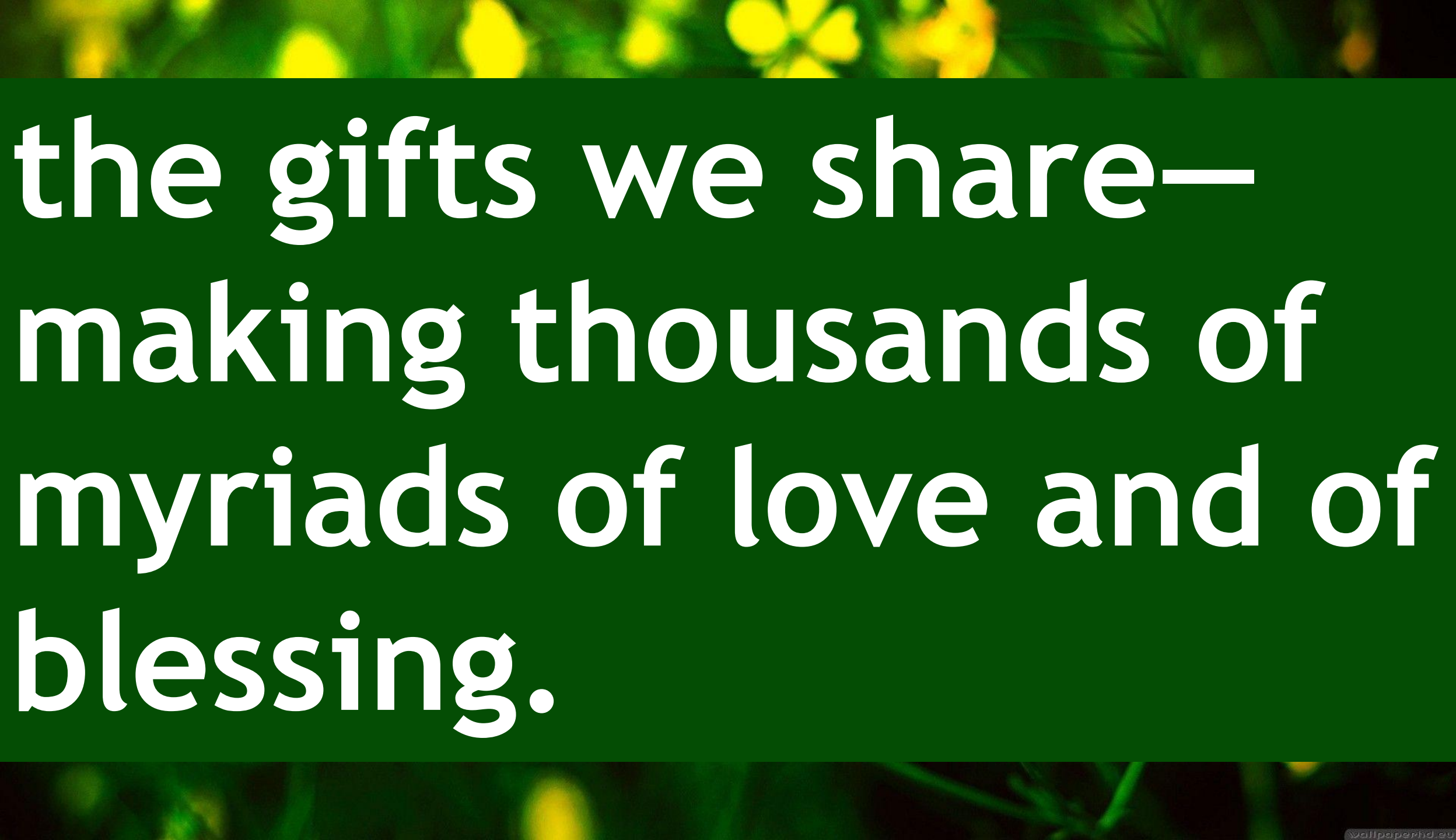
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed
be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy
will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread and
forgive us our trespasses as we forgive
those who trespass against us. Lead us
not into temptation but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**



Invitation to the Offering

Christ invites us to
live and serve with
him — letting his
burden lighten our
own. He multiplies



the gifts we share—
making thousands of
myriads of love and of
blessing.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings



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Doxology

*Praise God from Whom
All Blessings Flow #95*

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Praise God from Whom all
blessings flow. Praise Him all
creatures here below. Praise
Him above, ye, heavenly
host. Praise Father, Son, and
Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Offering Prayer

Going Forth to Serve God



Marching to Zion

UMH # 733

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Come, we that love
the Lord,
and let our joys
be known;

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join in a song
with sweet accord,
join in a song
with sweet accord

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and thus
surround the throne,
and thus
surround the throne.

We're marching
to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful
Zion;

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we're marching
upward to Zion,
the beautiful
city of God.

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Let those refuse
to sing
who never knew
our God;

but children of
the heavenly King,
but children of
the heavenly King

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may speak
their joys abroad,
may speak
their joys abroad.

We're marching
to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful
Zion;

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we're marching
upward to Zion,
the beautiful
city of God.

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The hill
of Zion yields
a thousand
sacred sweets

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before we reach
the heavenly fields,
before we reach
the heavenly fields,

or walk
the golden streets,
or walk
the golden streets.

We're marching
to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful
Zion;

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we're marching
upward to Zion,
the beautiful
city of God.

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Then let
our songs abound,
and every tear
be dry;

we're marching through
Emmanuel's ground,
we're marching through
Emmanuel's ground,

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to fairer worlds
on high,
to fairer worlds
on high.

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We're marching
to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful
Zion;

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we're marching
upward to Zion,
the beautiful
city of God.

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Benediction

As you move into the
journey of your life,
may you love the
journey as a spiritual
act, always expanding

your horizons,
inviting you to travel
beyond your
preconceptions, and
encouraging you ever

to embrace the
infinite delight of this
earth and its beings.
And may the Creator
continue your

unfolding, the Christ
accompany your
deeper knowing, the
Spirit enliven your
growing, until one



day we all gather in
the Kingdom of Love.

All: Coming home, we
set our seeing to hold
onto deeper meaning;
loving life and making
home a place for all



the creation and its
beings.

*Thank you for
joining us
in worship!*

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