

Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month

September 15 - October 15, 2021

This week's En Conjunto Moment

Meal + Cena



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Meals can be daily bread or they can be celebration feasts. They nourish our bodies and sustain our spirits.

Likewise, in communion, baptized believers experience God's grace, are encouraged to "lift up our hearts," for the sake of the world, and in the certainty of God's grace.

As we pray the Lord's Prayer, in the language closest to our hearts (our original or first language, the one in which we learned the Lord's Prayer), we unite as one family, and pray for bread for all. And we pray this prayer with believers of all time, all places, all languages, as our Lord taught us. As we pray it, we recognize that all who stand before God in faith and supplication are God's children, just like ourselves.

Communion reminds us that our salvation is not something that we can work out on our own or deserve, but is a gift freely bestowed, by God's grace, on all believers.

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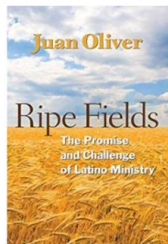


Hymn suggestion:

ELW 523

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet
Vamos todos al banquete

Good Read:



Ripe Fields, Juan Oliver

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It is interesting to talk about communion practices in cultures other than our own. We can see how reverently the host and the wine are received by people from different Christian traditions. But no matter what our practice, we recognize that communion is God's pure grace for the world!

God's grace feeds us, and helps us see each other as God sees us – as beloved children of God, siblings in Christ, one family in the Holy Spirit. External differences no longer matter as signs of high or low status. All need God's grace equally. We have been reconciled to God, and we are ambassadors for Christ.

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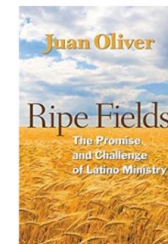


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