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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Prayer after Communion:

Made partakers of Christ through these Sacraments,
we humbly implore your mercy, Lord,
that, conformed to his image on earth,
we may merit also to be his coheirs in heaven.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Reflection:

We ask God's mercy, then we eat the Body and drink the Blood of Christ – but why? Could it be that through this feast we actually will become what we eat? If this is true, then as disciples apprenticed to Christ, we will also know God's promise of the peace and joy of heaven.

When the Mass concludes, "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord," we move from Sunday worship back into the world to try and do exactly what was asked of us. We have faith in our ability to go forth in mission, imaging Jesus to people we meet, work with, and live among.

How glorious to receive Communion and reflect the image of Christ!

Prayer:

God of mercy, apprentice us in your love, no matter where we may find ourselves this week. May our prayers echo *Kyrie* and our actions, words, and behaviors mirror the way you taught us to live. Make us master apprentices, guiding our hands, our hopes, and our hearts to serve others as you taught by your life on earth. And may we continue to become what we eat each time we receive Communion. Hold us in your mercy, for ever and ever. Amen.

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