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Prayer after Communion:

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord,
that, as you feed us with the nourishment
which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son,
so you may make us sharers of his divine nature.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Reflection:

The source of the text comes from one of the daily prayers in the *Verona Sacramentary*. The prayer captures the balance of God's transcendence and immanence that we strive to express in every celebration of the Liturgy. Beginning with a humble address, we may envision God enthroned, our heads bowed down in reverence. Yet we are speaking to the one who feeds us and takes care of our every need – quite an intimate and personal relationship.

This prayer calls to mind elements of the Eucharistic Prayer where we express our faith in the transformative power of the Holy Spirit. We call on God to send God's Spirit to transform bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. And when we receive this sacred meal, we then are united in Christ, truly sharers in Christ's divine nature. Once more in this post-Communion prayer we voice this hope.

Prayer:

Good and gracious God, as we are refreshed and renewed at each celebration of the Eucharist by the gift of your Son's Body and Blood, guide us to a deeper realization of your presence and the awesome reality that we, the Body of Christ, celebrate each Liturgy with Christ our Head.

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