

Prayer After Communion (Galatians 3:28)

(With apologies to St.Thomas Aquinas and G M Hopkins)

‘Godhead here in hiding
Whom I do adore.....’

Young girl dressed for riding
Boots striking the floor.

‘The body of Christ’.

‘See Lord at your service
Low lies here a heart....’

Chasuble and surplice
Brilliant vestment art.

‘The body of Christ’.

Maori katekita
‘Karaiti’ – ‘Nau mai’

Surfie down from Piha
Prays that waves are high.

‘The body of Christ’.

Soutaned Marist brother
Moves from lofty choir,

Charismatic woman
Eyes, and soul, afire.

‘The body of Christ’.

‘This faith each day deeper
Be my holding of.....’

Newly married couple
Radiating love.

‘The body of Christ’.

Arthritic housekeeper
Slowly moves with sticks,

Nun in dark brown habit
Ponders crucifix.

‘The body of Christ’.

‘Jesus whom I gaze on
Shrouded here below..’

Harassed looking mother
Copes with twins in tow.

‘The body of Christ’.

Camper in his jandals
Flip-flops up the aisle,

Modish cork-heeled charmer
Clumps back down in style.

‘The body of Christ’.

Teacher in his dark suit
Face a solemn mask,

Pupil feels self-conscious
giggles as they pass.

‘The body of Christ’.

‘Some day to gaze on thee
Face to face in light.....’

Lord we seek the darkness
Fearful for our sight.

‘The body of Christ’.

Members of one body
Old, young, rich and poor,

Some folk look uplifted
Others sad or dour.

‘The body of Christ’

Forgive these distractions
Teach me how to pray.

Lord I just can’t grasp it,
We are you today?

THE BODY OF CHRIST.