

Last Supper

Juan de Juanes, 16th century, oil on panel, Prado, Madrid, Spain



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Prayerfully look at the above picture and quietly reflect and answer questions together. Begin and end with the Sign of the Cross.

Let's pray together:

Dear God, as we look at this beautiful work of art, help us to have faith to believe that you are truly present in the Eucharist.

Let's look carefully at this painting. (Pause.)

Notice Jesus, who is surrounded by his Twelve Apostles. (Pause.)

He is holding up the Holy Eucharist as he said, "This is my body which is given for you" (Luke 22:19).

Jesus is giving himself as a gift to the Apostles. In the Holy Mass, Jesus also gives himself as a gift to us in Holy Communion.

In this miracle, Jesus changes the bread and wine into his Body and Blood. Because we have faith, we believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist.

Dear Jesus, thank you for giving us yourself in the Eucharist. Amen.