

Ascension of Christ

Benvenuto Tisi da Garofalo, 1510–1520, oil on panel, Galleria Nazionale d'Arte Antica, Rome, Italy



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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 see that after death there is life in Heaven.

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

*After Jesus died, he rose from the dead, then he ascended into Heaven. **Do you see that Jesus is ascending into Heaven?** (Pause.)*

Jesus ascended into Heaven to be with his Father and to prepare a place in Heaven for each of us.

Notice the saints in the clouds behind Jesus. Jesus knows each of them and loves them very much. Jesus knows each of us and loves us very much too.

Dear Jesus, help us to know that Heaven is our home where, one day, we hope to be with you forever. Amen.