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Ascension Painting in Prague Castle

Dear H-Artlist Members,

I'm a poet and translator who teaches at the University of Rochester in New York and am looking for a way to track down a very unusual painting I saw several years ago in one of the churches on the Prague Castle compound (probably St. Vitus, but I'm not absolutely certain). The painting looked to be proto-Renaissance, possibly Italian, and is a particularly striking rendering of Christ Ascension. The top of the painting shows the bottom half of Christ's robe, some clouds, and his bare feet pointing downwards as he ascends. Beneath the toes, in the bottom half of the painting, are about a half a dozen of the apostles, all looking upward. If anyone might be able to help me locate the name of the painter/date/title, or an image of the painting, or any names of art historians I might contact, I would be tremendously grateful. I have a poem about this painting in my forthcoming book and my publisher would like to use the image as the book cover.

Sincerely, Jennifer Grotz

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