

St Matthew's, Westminster

Guide to Taking the Collection on Sundays

The Collection is our gift for the work of the church and is taken by one person during the Offertory hymn - this is the hymn which immediately follows the exchange of peace.

The collection plate is usually with the bread and wine on the table between the side chapel and entrance to the church.

Once you have exchanged the peace, go to pick it up and wait.

If there is more than one priest, one will continue sharing the peace with the congregation whilst the other goes to the altar once the music for the hymn starts.

When the singing starts, take the plate round the chapel and the main church (it doesn't really matter which order, but you have to return to the church once you've finished, so you may find it easier to start in the chapel).

When you've been round both parts of the church, go to the front of the congregation and wait in the centre of the church space. One of the servers will come out to meet you and take the plate. Hand over the plate and bow your head, then return to your seat.

