

Maximizing the Offertory Moment

“The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their meat in due season. You open wide your hand and satisfy the needs of every living creature.”

(Psalm 145:16-17)

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Maximizing the Offertory Moment: Why

- **Duty and Vocation to Give – no change!**
- **Propels Gospel ministry and mission**
- **Important part of worship**
- **Tangible representation of People's offerings and participation**



Maximizing the Offertory Moment: COVID Framework

- No touch
- No passed basin (stationary)
- Virtual liturgy growth
- Personal invitation and prompt so important
- Rethink ways of engagement



Maximizing the Offertory Moment: How

Tip 1:

Offering should always be included no matter what service.

e.g. Morning Prayer, Ante-Communion, The Holy Eucharist,

Virtual Worship

Following Prayers (of the people)

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Tip 2:

Must have personal prompt and invitation to give even if no passed offering plates.

Stationary basins = little response

Ushers (greeters) invite and prompt as worshippers arrive.

Screensaver, chat link, virtual service leaflet promote online.

Clergy and Vestry should visibly give first to lead by example and promote the process.

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Tip 3:

Do not truncate the process even if not usual music and singing, passed offering.

Begin offertory with sentence and clear invitation to give.

Extended pause should be made to allow for lengthened process, with explicit detailed directions, especially to engage on-line worshippers and app givers etc.

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Tip 3: (Cont'd)

Provide web link and/or direct instructions.

“We pause now to make our offerings at www.givehere.org. For those worshipping in person, if you have not yet made your offering, please now proceed to the green table in the narthex to do so. Social distance of 6 ft. must be maintained. Ascribe to the Lord...”

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Thank you!

Please see “handout.”

Contact me at any time.

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