

Oblation (bread and wine) Bearers

(“Peace your way” into position) Immediately after the Passing of the Peace, as soon as the offertory hymn starts, stand on each side of the small table holding the bread and wine.

- Be prepared to take the Bread and Wine to the GEMs immediately following the Peace.
- With a nod from the Celebrant, oblation bearers walk forward side by side with the bread and wine.
- Pass the Bread first to the GEM (Grace Eucharistic Minister). Then pass the Wine. The GEM will pass them to the Celebrant, who will then “set the table” while the offering is being collected.
- Turn and walk back via the center zinc line to the Lectern, then go to your seats.

Offertory Collectors

(“Peace your way” into position”) Immediately after the Passing of the Peace, as soon as the offertory hymn starts, stand in the rear behind the small table holding the bread and wine. Each of the four offertory collectors holds a basket and they stand two by two.

- When the celebrant nods for the oblation bearers to come forward, wait a few seconds and allow them to reach the altar area. Then proceed forward two by two to the front sections of chairs near the altar to start collecting. Two people take baskets to the Walker Hall side. Two take them to the Classroom side.
- Start the offering at the **FRONT**: FRONT of Sanctuary. FRONT of section. That way people see the basket coming and collection flows more smoothly. The pianist knows how long to play. The Celebrant knows where the baskets are and how much longer to wait.
- Do one section of chairs at a time, starting at the **FRONT ROW of each section**, with one collector at each end of chairs. The most efficient way is to start two baskets going opposite directions in adjacent rows. Watch each other and stay in step as a team.
- There are more chairs on the Classroom side of the sanctuary, so the offertory collectors may finish on the Walker Hall side first. Walker Hall side collectors may help the other side finish the collection.
- If a row has too few people to pass it all the way down the row to the other side, then the offertory collector can offer the basket to the congregants near them and receive the basket back from them. If it is clear that no one in a given row has an offering, it is ok to skip that row and move on.
- As soon as the offertory is collected, gather again in the rear at the small table. Stack the four baskets into piles of two baskets each. Do not “pour” or “move” the contents from one basket into another. Simply stack two baskets, one on top of the other.
- At a nod from the Celebrant, two of the offertory collectors (decided ahead of time) bring the offering forward, following the zinc line to the Altar. Hand the baskets to the GEMs. Turn and walk back along the zinc line to the Lectern and then go to your seats.