

ROBBING GOD

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Based on Malachi Chapter 3: 6-18. The main characters are sitting together in a church service as if in a pew together.

CAST

Vicar Could be unseen

Collection taker

Worshipper 1

Worshipper 2

Worshipper 3

Worshipper 4

The 4 worshippers are seated side by side as if in a pew.

Vicar We will now stand to sing our offertory hymn "Count your blessings, count them one by one.

[Organ plays. Worshippers stand and start singing. There is no need for the singing to be good or convincing.]

After a little while the Collection Taker approaches the end of the row from behind holding the collection plate. The plate already has some coins on it.

He offers the plate to Worshipper 1. He looks surprised. Makes a fuss. Puts down book. Feels pockets. Finds no money. Shrugs shoulders at Collection Taker. He looks unimpressed and reaches across Worshipper 1 to pass the plate to Worshipper 2.

Worshipper 2 is singing strongly and ignores plate. Worshipper 1 gives him a jab in the ribs. Worshipper 2 sees plate. Also looks alarmed. Searches his pockets. Then reluctantly draws out his wallet. He finds a five pound note and places it on the plate. Collection Taker looks pleased. Looks sternly at worshipper 1. At this point Worshipper 2 starts to take some change off the plate. Collection taker looks disapproving.

Worshipper 2 grabs plate and holds for Worshipper 3. He also searches vainly for some money. Eventually he finds a Large Button in his top pocket and puts this on to the plate.

Worshipper 3 now passes the plate to Worshipper 4. Without pausing he takes the five pound note and passes the plate along to the Collection Taker who has appeared at the far end.

He receives the plate. Looks at it horrified. Holds up the single button and glares at the Worshippers.

THE END

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