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The church, as both institution and the embodiment of Christian society (*societas Christiana*), developed, from the mid-11th century, an increasingly sophisticated economy, spiritually ordered and materially expressed. There is a great deal of evidence for the use of money in churches, which concerned transactions between men and women, that held additional currency, reflective of a greater transaction between man and God. In this discussion, I will emphasise the devotional practice of money-offerings and its bearing on the distribution of money in medieval society, using contemporary historical and narrative sources, and archaeological evidence from ecclesiastical sites.