**Leader** May the mercy of God, which is the beating heart of the gospel,

fill your hearts.

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All Amen.

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Slide 11

**Leader** God has a very special love for the poor. We must pay attention

so that we are aware of those in need. We must look for and find

Jesus in them.

The proclaimer collects the Book from the Sacred Space and moves to the place of

proclamation. Chorus moves into position.

**Proclaimer** A story from Matthew's gospel. (Based on Matt 25:31-40)

Jesus said to his disciples: When the Son of Man comes in his glory with all of his angels, he will sit on his royal throne.

**Chorus** Will he be like a king?

**Proclaimer** (*To the chorus*) Yes, God's rule will fill the earth!

**Chorus** God's rule will fill the earth and Jesus will be king.

**Proclaimer** The people of all nations will be brought before him and he will

separate them, as shepherds separate their sheep from their

goats.

**Chorus** What does Jesus want with sheep and goats?

**Proclaimer** (*To the chorus*) It's not really about sheep and goats. Listen.

(Proclaims) He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on

his left.

**Chorus** Still sheep and goats.

**Proclaimer** (To the chorus) Jesus often called his people sheep. He was like a

shepherd to them.

**Chorus** Did he call them goats, too?

**Proclaimer** (To the chorus) Not so much. Sheep followed their shepherd and

listened to the shepherd's voice. Goats were stubborn and liked to do their own thing. That's not what Jesus wants us to do.

Now, can we get back to the story?

**Chorus** Yes, what happens next?

**Proclaimer** Then the king will say to those on his right, "My father has

blessed you! Come and receive the kingdom that was prepared

for you before the world was created.

**Chorus** Those sheep sure were lucky ducks!