

+ GATHERING AROUND THE WORD +

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ **PEACE**

PRELUDE

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

The glory of God shines like a consuming fire.

We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm.

Out of the cloud, God speaks:

This is my beloved Son; listen to him!

✦ **HYMN #21**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

CALL TO CONFESSION

God alone is righteous; God alone is perfect;

God alone is judge.

Yet this holy, righteous God comes to us in love, to save us.

Rejoicing in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

[unison]

God of all glory, beauty, and grace,

we have tried to hide from you—

to hide our faces, to hide our sin—

yet you have never hidden your love for us.

We have tried to search for you—

in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops—

yet you have already revealed yourself to us
in the face of Jesus Christ.

Forgive us, and transform us

so that our lives may shine

with your glory, beauty, and grace.

[continue in silence, personal confession]

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that we are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

✦ **GLORIA PATRI #579**

“Glory Be To the Father”

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ PROCLAIMING THE WORD +

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING 2 Kings 2:1-12

PSALM READING Psalm 50:1-6

INTERLUDE

✦ **GOSPEL** Mark 9:2-9

SERMON

