Brave Hearts Made Bold, God’s Truth Confessed

1 Brave hearts made bold, God’s truth confessed, Both life and honor daring;
2 God’s only Son embraced our shame, Our tent of flesh as summing;
3 Our full forgiveness Christ has won; What sinless, selfless dying!
4 O Lord, I love Your holy house, Your glory here is dwelling:

The apostolic faith expressed, Before the world declaring
This guiltless Lord our sin became, Sin’s wage to death Him dooming:
Faith trusts all Jesus Christ has done—His merit, justifying!
Your Law is preached my heart to rouse, To ensure its rebelling:

That God is one, yet One in Three, Coequal in their
In Pontius Pilate’s judgment hall, Be decked in bloodied,
His holy, spotless righteousness, We here believe and
Your Gospel words of truth and grace, All fears within my

majesty: God—Father, Son, and Spirit—
purple pall, Christ made the good confession.
here confess: No work can gain God’s favor.
heart arose: Glad news of peace, O Jesus!

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Psalm 26; Neh. 8:10; 1 Tim. 6:13–14; Matt. 10:26–33
5 Your steadfast love before my eyes; 
   Your faithfulness, my blessing!
Your truth I cannot compromise, 
   Before the world confessing;
For in Your Word and Sacrament, 
   I find my strength and am content
And taste the joy of heaven.

6 In You, Lord Christ, I have no fear, 
   Nor fear the world’s defaming;
Your hidden, whispered word is clear— 
   My joy, its clear proclaiming!
Though hostile foes my body kill, 
   My soul is safe within Your will,
Avowed before Your Father.

7 Brave hearts, be bold! God’s truth confess, 
   Your life and honor daring;
The apostolic faith express, 
   By word and deed declaring
The love of God in Christ for all, 
   That all may heed Love’s wedding call
And feast with God forever!
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