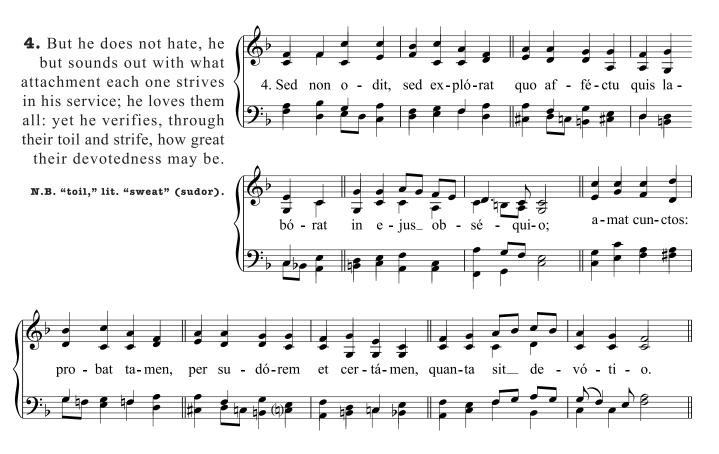


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5. For they strive against the world, and the wicked and unclean foe, as well as the vices of the flesh; foremost by this manly steadfastness do the Confessors and Martyrs shape their habits.



N.B. The three enemies of salvation: the world, the devil and the flesh.





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- **6.** It is a particular strife that inflicts lethal punishment for the Martyr: but meanwhile for the Confessor an executioner is absent, he deciding against the joy of besmeared flesh.
 - → Translator's Note: The mediæval spelling of lictor, viz. litor ("executioner"), suggests a pun with liturus ("besmeared"); the "flesh," i.e. human nature, is "besmeared," i.e. sullied by sin.



