



JONAH
AND THE
WHALE
AT BIRTH
WE ARE
CAST INTO
THE
ABYSSAL
SEA OF THIS
FALLEN
WORLD
WHEREIN
WE SHALL
SURELY
DROWN...

Except that our **savior** takes us up into **himself**,
into his **body**, as the **great whale** took up **Jonah**.

There we abide in the **body of Christ** as **Jonah**
sat in the **lung** of the **whale** until **God** calls
us forth from this world into **paradise**. The
body of Christ, which we receive at **holy mass**,
is more to us than a **refuge**. Is **he** not our
habitation and the **principle** of our
resurrection? We receive **Christ** in order to
dwell in him as the **figure of baptism** shows
us. The world is **death** to us, but we live in
Christ. We are in the world as **Jonah** in the
whale was immersed in the **fathomless**,
suffocating ocean, yet we breathe freely the
spirit of God,



