

earth, and gavest me a being; creating in  
 me a soul after Thine own similitude, and  
 madest it capable of Thy glory. Thou didst  
 create my body, with all the members and  
 senses thereof; and my soul, with all the  
 powers and faculties thereof. And as Thou  
 didst create me, so Thou didst preserve me  
 in my mother's womb, that I might come  
 safe into this world, and receive the mark  
 and badge of all Thine, even the Sacrament  
 of Baptism, whereby I was cleansed from  
 the guilt of original sin. Amongst a mul-  
 titude of unbelievers, dispersed over the face  
 of the earth, Thou wouldest have me in the  
 number of the faithful, even of those  
 to whom so happy a lot hath fallen to be  
 Thine, regenerated with the water of bap-  
 tism: from which time I was taken to be  
 Thine, and that happy contract was made  
 between us, that thou shouldst be my Lord,  
 and I thy servant; Thou my Father, and I  
 Thy son. Further, O Lord, Thou didst