

New Canadian Hymnal, No. 50.

Oh, safe to the Rock that is higher than I,
My soul in its conflicts and sorrows would fly;

New Canadian Hymnal, No. 358.

O God of Bethel, by whose hand
Thy people still are fed;

Questions for Senior Scholars.

1. *Peter Imprisoned.*

Who directed this renewed persecution?
What was his object in persecuting the Church?

What encouraged him in his course?
What noted festival was held at this time?
What precautions were taken to secure Peter?

What course did the Church take in its distress?

How did they show their earnestness in prayer?

Why was Peter kept imprisoned until after the passover?

2. *The Angel of Deliverance.*

What shows Peter's bewilderment?
When did the angel of the Lord leave him?
What assurance had Peter when he came to himself?

From whose hate had he been delivered?
Where did he go?
When were the disciples really convinced that it was Peter?

How did Peter respond to their surprise?
When was Peter's escape discovered by the soldiers?

Who was James, to whom Peter sent the message?

Questions for Intermediate Scholars.

1. *Persecution and Prison* (verses 1-4).

Who was now the persecutor?
Which of the Herods was this?
Who first fell a martyr?
Whose brother was he?
Whom did the king arrest next?
Why did he not kill him at once?

2. *A Prayer Meeting* (verses 5, 6).

In whose house was it? (See verse 12.)
When did Herod plan to kill Peter?
Do you think there were private prayers for Peter's deliverance?

How earnestly did they pray?
How large was the meeting? (See verse 12.)

3. *Peter Delivered* (verses 7-9).

Tell where Peter was?
Was he awake, crying and fretting?
Who awakened him?

Where did the angel lead him?
To what place did he at once go?
Did they expect him there?
What does this teach about faith?

Questions for Younger Scholars.

Who was the new ruler over Judea? *Herod Agrippa.*

What apostle had he put to death? *James, the brother of John.*

Whom did he also now wish to kill? *Peter.*
Why did he do these things? *To please the Jews.*

How many prison guards had Peter? *Sixteen.*

What did Herod forget? *The angel guards that God sends.*

What were Peter's friends doing? *Praying for him.*

What happened in the night? *An angel came to Peter.*

What did he say? *"Arise up quickly."*
What did he do? *Took Peter past the guard to the street.*

What became of his chains? *They fell off.*

Where did he go? *To the place where his friends were praying for him.*

Was it strange that God set Peter free? *O, no; he always helps those who trust him.*

What other believers were delivered from prison?

Who can deliver us from the prison-house of sin? *God.*

The Lesson Catechism.

(For the entire school.)

1. What did King Herod do in opposing the Gospel? *He killed the apostle James.*

2. Whom did he next intend to slay? *The apostle Peter.*

3. What did the Church do for Peter in prison? *They prayed without ceasing.*

4. How did God answer their prayers? *By sending an angel.*

5. What did the angel do for Peter? *He set him free from prison.*

6. What is our GOLDEN TEXT? *"The angel of the Lord," etc.*

The Church Catechism.

59. After what manner hath our Lord taught us to pray? Our Lord hath taught us when we pray to say: "Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen."