

Karpas

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Source:

(Participant)Passover, like many of our holidays, combines the celebration of an event from our Jewish memory with a recognition of the cycles of nature. As we remember the liberation from Egypt, we also recognize the stirrings of spring and rebirth happening in the world around us. The symbols on our table bring together elements of both kinds of celebration.

(Participant)We now take a sprig of parsley, representing our joy at the dawning of spring after our long, cold winter. We dip our parsley into salt water, a symbol of the tears our ancestors shed as slaves.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הָאֲדָמָה

(ALL)

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha-olam, borei p'ree ha-adama.

Blessed art Thou, Eternal our God, Ruler of the Universe, who creates the fruits of the earth.