

Kiddush, The First Cup

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Source:

Leader:

Our story tells that in diverse ways, with different words, God gave promises of freedom to our people. With cups of wine we recall each one of them, as now, the first:

Group:

I am the Lord, and I will free you from the burdens of the Egyptians.

Leader:

We take up the Kiddush cup and proclaim the holiness of the Day of Deliverance!

We praise You, God, Sovereign of the universe! You have called us for service from among the peoples, and have hallowed our lives with commandments. In love, You have given us festivals for rejoicing, seasons of celebration, this Festival of Matzot, the time of our freedom, a commemoration of the Exodus from Egypt.

Group:

ברוך אתה, יי, אלהינו, מלח העולם, בורא פרי הגפן

Baruch atah, Adonai, Eloheinu, Melech haolam, borei p'ri hagafen.

Blessed are You, Adonai, Sovereign of the universe, creator of the fruit of the vine.