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Karpas

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Dipping a green vegetable in salt water | *karpas* | כַּרְפָּס

Passover, like other holidays, have mix celebration of an event from our Jewish memory with a recognize of the cycles of nature. When we remember the liberation from Egypt, also we recognize the stirring and rebirth going on in the world. The symbols on our table bring together elements of both kinds of celebration.

We now take a green leafy bitter herb, representing the joy at the start of spring after our long, freezing winter. What ever you'r using for your herb dip it in salt water, a symbol of tears our ancestors shed as slaves. Before you eat it, recite a blessing:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הָאֲדָמָה

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

We praise God, Ruler of Everything, who creates the fruits of the earth.