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## Karpas ... Parsley ... כַּרְפַּס

*Leader*

*(The parsley is raised)* Passover is celebrated in the springtime, as the earth becomes green and is blossoming with new life. This vegetable, called *karpas*, represents new beginnings in the cycle of resurrected life, created and sustained by the Eternal One.

*(The cup of salt water is raised)* But for the children of Israel, life in Egypt was filled with despair. This salt water represents the pain, anguish, and tears suffered by our people. Let us take the parsley and dip it into the salt water, remembering that life is often immersed in tears.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְרֵי הָאֲדָמָה

*Barukh atah Adonai Eloheynu melekh ha'olam borey pri ha'adamah.*

Blessed are You, O LORD our God, Ruler of the universe,  
who creates the fruit of the earth.

*Leader*

Now let us all eat the *karpas* together.