



Easter Brunch after the Sunrise Service

Awaken this spring to all things new, to gardens revived and friendships revisited. Easter, also called Pascha, is the most important religious feast in the Christian liturgical year. It celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, which Christians believe occurred on the third day after his crucifixion some time in the period AD 27 to 33.

As with many other Christian dates, the celebration of Easter extends beyond the church. Since its origin, Easter has been a time of celebration and feasting. While lamb has become a popular main course, in the south ham remains the all-time Easter favorite. My recipe for Ham and Cheese on Rye Strata is an elegant brunch entree. Pair your strata with a delicious Green Salad with Fresh Fruit and Blackberry-Basil Vinaigrette along with Pecan Pie Muffins and Glazed Baby Carrots. At our house Mama's Deviled Eggs are a must on Easter Sunday! Celebrate the glorious gift of Easter with a scrumptious buffet brunch. The entire menu can be made ahead and combines traditional holiday fare with a few fun surprises! Happy Easter! *(The recipes this week are from my cookbook, Celebrate Everything! with photography by Paul Nurnberg. Copies are available at www.cateringbydebbicovington.com.)*

Ham and Cheese on Rye Strata



Deviled Eggs - A favorite Easter treat made with soft-boiled eggs, mayonnaise, mustard, and herbs. This is a classic dish that is easy to make and serves a crowd.



Fruit Salad - A refreshing and healthy dish made with a variety of fresh fruits. It is a great way to incorporate more fruits into your diet and is perfect for Easter.



Simple Muffins - A quick and easy recipe for soft and fluffy muffins. They are perfect for breakfast or as a snack. The recipe is simple and uses common ingredients.



Baby carrots cooked with brown sugar and butter, resulting in a sweet and flavorful glaze, perfect for gatherings.



From the diet, Shirley suggested Nicole Marie write a cookbook. This is ajeringbydebbcovington.com, and I'm enjoying it so much I'm going to buy it right now.