Shrimp Christma's Tree is decked with boughs of endive

Holiday eats

Have an entertaining Christmas.

Part of the fun and flurry of the holidays is getting together with relatives and friends for everything from breakfast brunch and cocktail parties to buffet dinners and sit-down feasts.

You don't have to stick with the same old recipes, but try something new, for a delicious change of menu.

Smart cooks may also find themselves in the kitchen a day or days ahead of time, to bake or freeze mouth-watering dessert finales and special breads.

First, to brunch. Why not entertain those who have entertained you with a holiday "thank you" meal that combines the best of breakfast and lunch.

Holiday Brunch Eggs are a onedish specialty using a package of any flavor stuffing mix as the base. Serve with sections of grapefruit and orange on crisp lettuce, tomato juice or Bloody Marys and hot coffee.

HOLIDAY BRUNCH EGGS

- 1 package (6-serving size) stuffing mix, any flavor
- 's cup butter or margarine, cut into pieces

112 cups hot water

- 1 cup shredded cooked ham*
- 6 eggs

1 cup Hollandaise sauce *Or use 6 slices Canadian bacon.

Place contents of Vegetable/ Seasoning Packet and butter in a shallow 2-quart baking dish. Add water. Stir just to blend and completely melt butter. Add Stuffing Crimbs; stir just to moisten. Spread mixture evenly in dish and mark into 6 squares. Top each square with shredded ham. Make a depression in center of ham and carefully add the eggs. Bake at 425° about 10 minutes, or until eggs are set. Serve with Hollandaise sauce or a simple sauce made from condensed soup. Makes 6

At cocktail time, the focal point of your table can be an attractive Shrimp Christmas Tree. Gulf shrimp are perched on endive boughs, for a quick dip into zippy cocktail sauce.

You may find this edible centerpiece becomes a tradition for the holidays.

SHRIMP CHRISTMAS TREE

3 pounds shrimp,

fresh or frozen

le cup salt

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