

Bread Pudding with Hard Sauce

Serves 10-12

Pudding:

| 1 (16 oz) | Loaf French bread |
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| 3 cups | Milk |
| 1 cup | Cream sherry |
| 3 ea | Large eggs, beaten |
| 2 cups | Sugar |
| 2 tbsp | Butter, melted |
| 2 tbsp | Vanilla extract |
| 1 cup | Raisins |
| 2 tbsp | Butter, melted |
| 1/2 cup | Honey |
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Break bread into small chunks in a large bowl. Add milk and sherry; let stand 10 minutes. Stir until thoroughly mixed. Combine eggs, sugar, 2 tbsp butter and vanilla; add to bread mixture, stirring well. Stir in raisins. Spoon mixture into buttered 11 x 7 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ baking dish. Combine 2 tbsp butter and honey; pour over pudding. Bake at 350° for 45 minutes or until set. Serve warm with warm hard sauce.

Hard Sauce: yield 2 1/2 cups

| 1 cup | Sugar |
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| 1 cup | Milk |
| 1/2 cup | Butter |
| 2 tbsp | Cornstarch |
| 1/4 cup | Cold water |
| 1/2 cup | Bourbon |
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Combine sugar, milk, and butter in a heavy saucepan; cook over low heat until sugar dissolves and butter melts. Combine cornstarch and water; add to butter mixture, add bourbon, and bring to boil over medium heat; cook one minute.