Roast Chicken Cooking with Marcy

Ingredients:

1 (5-6) pound whole roasting chicken

Kosher salt

Freshly ground black pepper

1 large bunch of fresh thyme, plus 20 sprigs

1 lemon, halved

1 head garlic, cut in half crosswise

2 tablespoons butter, melted

1 large yellow onion, thickly sliced

4 carrots cut into 2 inch chunks

1 bulb fresh fennel, tops removed, and cut into wedges

(any other root vegetables you desire such as red potatoes, parsnips, etc.)+