Jesus Birthday Celebration and Rededication Ceremony Delancey Street Restaurant, San Francisco August 21st, 2004

Schedule:

11:30	Music
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 1:30	Errol and Rochelle Presentation
1:30 - 1:45	Music
1:45 - 2:30	Rededication and Remembrance
2:30 - 2:45	Music

(Music provided by Mary Sanchez and Dave Holt)

Rededication and Remembrance

There will be a list of GGC members and the Membership Book set up at the door. Remembrance materials preparation begins as the rededication ceremony starts.

(Larry W. does this part)

If there are any present who are not yet GGC members but who would like to become members then please sign the list near the door — the requirements for membership are that you must have read the book in its entirety. At our next meeting we will induct new members.

On this special occasion, the celebration of Michael of Nebadon's birth as Jesus of Nazareth over 2000 years ago, we offer this special rededication ceremony for each one of us here.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the gift of The Urantia Book. (Martha Babatola)

Father in heaven
We are thankful to be together to share the teachings of this book.
Help us to learn its meanings and to assimilate its values.
And help each one of us to become more awakened to your presence
So that we may more fully express your love in our lives.

(Dolores does this part)

Please signify if you are willing to personally rededicate to active lives of spiritual and temporal revelation service by saying I am.

A Pledge of Dedication to God, and to our Society which exists in service of God, created specifically for our Rededication Ceremony today, is offered if you would like to read in unison:

I pledge myself to the study of The Urantia Book and to strive for the establishment of its teachings in my heart and life.

I will cooperate as I am able in the dissemination of the teachings of The Urantia Book. To this end I dedicate sincere effort in the work of this Urantia Society.

Reading from The Urantia Book. (Sara Blackstock)

The world needs more firsthand religion. Even Christianity — the best of the religions of the 20th century — is not only a religion <u>about</u> Jesus, but it is so largely one which men experience second hand. They take their religion wholly as handed down by their accepted religious teachers. What an awakening the world would experience if it could only see Jesus as he really lived on earth and know, firsthand, his life-giving teachings! Descriptive words of things beautiful cannot thrill like the sight thereof neither can creedal words inspire men's souls like the experience of knowing the presence of God. But expectant faith will ever keep the hope-door of man's soul open for the entrance of the eternal spiritual realities of the divine values of the worlds beyond. (195:9.8)

Recitation of the Lord's Prayer as a personal prayer: (Lee Loots)

My Father, who is in heaven,
Hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give me this day my bread for tomorrow;
Refresh my soul with the water of life.
And forgive me my debts
As I also have forgiven my debtors.
Save me in temptation, deliver me from evil,
And increasingly make me perfect like yourself.
(144:3.3 — modified)

Remembrance Supper (Stephen Zendt)