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***'within the light'* – The 2015 Lent Installation in Southwark Cathedral**

Since 2012, Lent in Southwark Cathedral's has been accompanied by art installations which aim to make visitors to the Cathedral think and reflect during this important time of the Church's year. *within the light*, a large-scale installation made of glass fabric by Angela Glajcar, a Frankfurt-based artist, is the work chosen for exhibition in the Cathedral during Lent this year.

Several widths of glass fabric will hang one above the other forming a canopy from the base of the East end window to the choir stalls. The incidental light of the windows will be reflected by the material. The different light ambiances of the day determine the atmosphere of the space. It is the great lightness and translucence of the material that will create the unique spacial poetry. The work can be viewed throughout Lent from Ash Wednesday, 18 February until Good Friday, 3 April. Public viewing is free.

The Very Revd Andrew Nunn, Dean of Southwark, says "There is a way of looking at Lent which is all about passivity, about denial, the self-disciplined route that can look into the self. Angela Glajcar's work *'Within the light'*, which swoops down from the east end of the Cathedral, is dynamic and dramatic, yet at the same time has that sense of peace about it which is also there for Christians in the season of Lent. Jesus Christ described himself to his disciples as 'the Light of the World' and it is within his light that we travel, purposefully, dynamically and confidently towards Jerusalem, the darkness of the cross but, ultimately, the pure light of Easter. Glajcar's challenging work will propel us there."

The Cathedral acknowledges the support of the German Embassy in bringing this latest Lent Installation to Southwark. The Embassy says "We are delighted that Southwark Cathedral has invited distinguished German artist Angela Glajcar for this year's Lent art installation. Our first association with the Cathedral is a very welcome opportunity to further present outstanding German art in the UK".

A companion exhibition to the installation entitled *White* will be at The Andipa Gallery, 162 Walton Street, London SW3 2JL (nearest tube South Kensington) free entry, from Monday 2 February – Saturday 7 March. This presents an opportunity to view smaller works by the artist. Angela Glajcar website is www.glajcar.de

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