

## *part II*

# I AM

## Easter installation in Nøtterøy Church 2014 (Norway)

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*Part II of the installation that is produced in Nøtterøy parish church (county Vestfold, Norway) during Easter 2014, takes its point of departure in the oldest definition of the concept of God in the Bible, where God is revealed to Moses and says: I am who I am. The artistic expression is made of broken, recycled glass that has been collected by the congregation during Lent. The letters stands out as absence of material.*

In chapter 3 of *Exodus*, God is revealed to Moses in a burning bush. Moses gets the message to bring the Israelites out of Egypt. In verses 13-14 is said:

*Moses then said to God, 'Look, if I go to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you," and they say to me, "What is his name?" what am I to tell them?'*

*God said to Moses, 'I am he who is.' And he said, 'This is what you are to say to the Israelites, "**I am** has sent me to you."<sup>1</sup>*

Today, many people regard Christian dogmas and words about God incomprehensible and irrelevant. That is not strange since the Biblical texts are 2-3000 years old, written in a culture and under conditions that are far from today's world and understandings. But this oldest concept of God, I personally find attractive and interesting. Therefore, I have chosen it as an expression of the resurrection.

Artistically the two parts of the installation complement each other in several ways:

- Part I is made of broken, green glass that I brought with me, while Part II is made of broken transparent, recycled glass that has been collected by the congregation during Lent.
- The letters in Part I are composed in glass, while the letters in Part II stand out as absence of material.
- Part I is laid openly in the nave, while Part II is hidden in the Northern wing of the church room.
- The letters in Part I are turned away from the pulpit towards the congregation, while the letters in Part II are turned to the priest on the pulpit.

**Happy Easter!**

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<sup>1</sup> *Exodus*, chapter 3, see: <[http://www.catholic.org/bible/book.php?id=2&bible\\_chapter=3](http://www.catholic.org/bible/book.php?id=2&bible_chapter=3)>.