



Please join us on Oct. 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bloom Room for ***An Inspector Calls***, the October offering for the First Friday Play Reading. Written by English dramatist J. B. Priestley, the play was first performed in the Soviet Union in 1945 and on Broadway in 1947. It is one of Priestley's best known works for the stage, and is considered to be one of the classics of mid-20th century English theatre. The final speech of the central character, Inspector Goole, has been interpreted variously as a quasi-Christian vision of hell and judgment, and as a socialist manifesto.

The play is a three-act drama, which takes place on a single night in April 1912, focusing on the prosperous upper middle-class Birling family, who live in a comfortable home in the fictional town of Brumley, "an industrial city in the north Midlands". The family is visited by a man calling himself Inspector Goole, who questions each member of the family about their connection to the suicide of a young working-class woman. Long considered part of the repertory of classic "drawing room" theatre, the play has also been hailed as a scathing criticism of the hypocrisies of Victorian and Edwardian English society and as an expression of Priestley's socialist political principles.

Come to read if you wish, or to participate as "audience;" scripts are provided. **Sharon McKenzie** and **Nanalee Raphael** both long-time theatre aficionados, are the facilitators.

This script is suitable for folks of all ages.

There is no admission charge; however a donation of canned food such as hearty soup, ravioli, chili or tuna for the Joseph's Food Pantry at Grace St. Paul's would be greatly appreciated.