



Please join the Spirit Players to honor Halloween at their First Friday Play Reading on October 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bloom Room. We'll be reading "Witness for the Prosecution", a classic mystery by whom else but Agatha Christie. Christie adapted her own short story of the same name to create this courtroom drama. Generally regarded as one of her most accomplished plays, this suspenseful thriller keeps audiences guessing until the very end.

In an English courtroom Leonard Vole stands accused of murdering a rich widow. He is a wide-eyed, decent, innocent young defendant – or so he seems. The stakes are high with shocking witness testimony, recants, passionate outbursts, and Leonard's fight to escape the hangman's noose. The characters involved in the action are those that have become stock types of the theatre: harrumphing prosecutors, acerbic judges, self-important defense barristers—all presented in vintage fifties style. Full of twists and turns, we question *who did it* and *what's going on?* Of course, at the end of the drama justice prevails. Or does it?

Attendees may read if they wish or participate as "audience"; scripts are provided. Sharon McKenzie and Nanalee Raphael are the facilitators, long time theatre aficionados. This script is suitable for persons 16 years and older.

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.