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n.

The Holy Spirit.

[Middle English *Paraclit*, from Old French *Paraclet*, from Latin *Paraclētus*, from Greek *Paraklētos*, from *parakalein*, to invoke : *para-*, to the side of; see [PARA](#)¹ + *kalein*, *klē-*, to call; see *kela*² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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